



FIRST-TIMER AT THE FETE

This was our first visit to the Fete, having moved here just under a year ago. This village is, unfortunately, a rare thing nowadays, a traditional community where everyone looks out for each other, something that my dad remembers from when he was a child and something that we moved here to find so that my little boy could grow up with real family values.

The fete pulled together all the best bits and more, in a traditional village event with a warm community welcome; from the smiling faces, and chants of "Come and give us your money!" at the gate, to the wide variety of stands, Morris dancers, the brilliant Whitland Arts Care dancers, refreshments and numerous inflatable things to keep the kids entertained.

With everything that there was on offer, my family were well catered for, Mum and Dad enjoyed sitting with a giant ice cream, I tried my luck at the 'Hidden Treasure Map' and the 'Wine or Water' stand, my toddler bounced himself to sleep on the bouncy castle and my husband even managed to make the mile walk home with three, two foot high lilies intact, despite a few post-fete bevies in The Plash!

Overall a fantastic day, made all the better by the great people and community that organised and supported it.

Belinda and Andy

ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

The Fete & Show on July 21st was once again a great success; the rain cleared away before the gates opened at 2pm. Eve Edwards, former resident and friend of the village, opened the new Swings and Spinners area, and awarded cups to the show winners.

Cup Winners:

UNDER 7 (NELLIE LEWIS CUP)

Poppy King Allum

8-16 YRS (TIM HUSBAND CUP)

Cory Westermarck

BEST FLOWER

Stephanie Mathias

BEST VEG

Delyth Morris

BEST COOKERY (WILLIE REYNOLDS CUP)

Steph Caunt

BEST PHOTOGRAPH

Jamie King

BEST CRAFT ITEM

John Mead

BEST IN SHOW (JIM SLATER CUP)

Steph Caunt

DAVE KING MEMORIAL CUP

Jessica Duncombe

The Fete Raffle was well supported and managed to raise £710 towards hall upkeep and village events. Many thanks to all those businesses, who donated lovely prizes. Also a special thanks to the sponsors of the fete, and to those who made donations. Finally, we would also like to say a 'BIG THANK YOU' to all those villagers, and friends of Llanfallteg who gave up their time and energy to make our Fete and the other village events such successes. None of these would happen without people's generous spirit adding to our community.

The Fete made over £2,500, and there is still a small amount of money to be collected.

VILLAGE TRIP



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

We will leave the village centre at 9am, to arrive Emllyn at 10.30, where we can have coffee and a tour of the mill. It is really exciting to see them setting up the looms, and weaving traditional Welsh designs. We leave at 1pm. **Bring a picnic**, which you can eat here, or save until we get to **Llanerchaeron National Trust House and Gardens**, just outside Aberaeron. There is a lovely café here, so if you don't want to picnic, you could buy lunch, or just have a cup of tea and a piece of scrumptious cake.

Around 5pm we shall go into **Aberaeron**, and if the weather is fine, there will be time for a stroll on the front, time on the beach, or just a sit in the sun. We have booked tea in the **Celtic Café Fish and Chip Restaurant**, and we are giving each person £5 towards this, which you spend in the café or the take-away. There is a varied menu available for non-fish and chip eaters.

We leave for home at 7.30 prompt, and expect to be back in the village at about 8.30pm. We look forward to see lots of you on the day.

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Nikki's Wildlife Watch

WANTON DESTRUCTION

In April this year a beautiful wildlife area, where we had the most wonderful diverse selection of creatures, flora and fauna, including leeches, eels, newts, frogs, toads, numerous dragon flies, marsh marigolds, flag irises, and birds (too many to name here) was ruined. In a field, down to the left from the footbridge over the river, a machine tore through, ripping up pussy-willow trees in full bloom, and ripping out vegetation from the stream, full of tadpoles and other creatures.

I had been away for a few days. On my return Haydn told me about a machine digging a ditch, I couldn't understand, so I walked over the field to see what he was talking about, I felt sick and enraged. This was Spring when every species of creature, plant and living organism would be busy breeding and reproducing.

Who was responsible? The landowner? The Tenant Farmer? The Contractor? Who?

I took photographs, I e-mailed NRW, The Welsh Government Environmental Impact Ecologist, the CCC Environmental Team, every organisation/authority I thought had responsibility to care for our natural environment. I researched regulations to see if this was allowed. Was anything done? Was anyone responsible/accountable for this deliberate destruction? **'NO'** Not one of the bodies I contacted would DO anything.

This destruction was followed by spraying right up to river's edge, planting corn covered with rows and rows and rows of plastic, now having grown to giant plants we cannot walk through. Footpaths are blocked, but worst of all we have fewer swallows and bats, and sadly the swifts, which arrived on April 28th, were gone by early May. Haydn said he saw 5 swifts up at Penlan that weekend, I hoped they'd return but no they didn't, and why would they, when a food source had been wiped out. No meadow flowers and plants for insects to feed on equals fewer birds and bats to feed on the insects. A whole natural system destroyed!



On a more positive note:

I have witnessed the following:

Tuesday 20th March at 2.30pm at Noddfa, Jos and I sat watching a bat flying round her garden!

Tuesday 10th April at 11.00am I saw my first swallow over the village, followed by a bat.

Thursday 12th April, I heard the first chiff-chaff across the field in the hedgerows.

Saturday 28th April, I spotted the first swifts over the village.

The sunny weather has brought a multitude of different butterflies into the garden, and on buddleias in the park. Excitingly, on Wednesday 1st August we spotted two hummingbird hawk moths on the buddleia at the side of the house, and then on Monday 13th August I spotted one feeding on the valerian on the front wall. Apparently they now over-winter in Britain due to the warmer conditions.

So not all doom and gloom!



Forget Pokémon, that is so 2016!

The latest craze is Llanfallteg Rocks.

It's simple. Find a pebble, paint it, hide it.

Find a painted pebble, take a photo, post it on a Facebook page, and hide it again.

The brainchild of Louise Rohzon, Steph Caunt and Wendy King it is such fun; so popular, in fact, that a Pebble Painting Workshop was held on 18th August.

Pebbles have been found as far away as Amroth, Tenby and even the Pembrokeshire Show.



LLANFALLTEG ROCKS (doesn't it?)



BIG PLAYING FIELD MAKE-OVER



After CCC condemned the swings and slide for not reaching the levels required by new regulations, the old equipment was dismantled, and levelling and preparing the ground followed. Turf was donated by Guy Allum and laid by Guy, Haydn, Lee and Dean, with helpers supporting them. The swings and spinners arrived, and were erected. It became a task of some urgency to get everything in place ready for the opening at the Fete. New beds were filled with compost donated by DP Building supplies, and planted up with flowers by the children. Old sleepers were re-placed by Guy and Haydn around Tim's tree, creating raised beds.



The children had also been busy painting Peter Icke's cartoon mural, created before he died. Copied by Graham Meredith, it now hangs on the mower shed, and has Peter's signature on it, and all the children have signed it too.

Boules Night

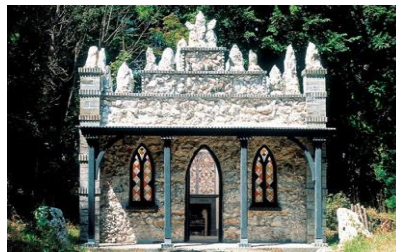
What a fun evening in late May. Eight adult teams played in a knock-out tournament, and the winners were Nikki and Sarah. Well done! There were four children's teams, plus a raffle, and some generous villagers brought some food to share. It was well supported by the usual suspects, plus some new faces, and it raised £31.

LLANFALLTEG HISTORY SOCIETY NEWS

Life in medieval Haverfordwest was the subject of the first talk this year; the speaker was a monk from Caldey Island. The talk gave a fascinating insight to the role played by the 13th century Augustinian Priory in the day-to-day life of the town.

This was followed in May by Ted Goddard's talk on Pembrokeshire shipwrecks. Ted's encyclopaedic knowledge kept us enthralled with tales of heroic action and rescues by the early RNLI. But I suspect the part we all enjoyed most was the story of Pembrokeshire's own 'Whisky Galore' incident off the coast of West Angle. Who knows one or two bottles may still be lurking in some secret corner of a cottage.

In June we visited the 'Cilwendeg Shell House Hermitage' on the outskirts of Boncath. Built in 1826 this ornate garden building has been fully restored by the Temple Trust. One can only wonder at the number of man-hours it must have taken to collect the shells and then decorate the building.



We combined this trip with a visit to Capel Colman Church originally part of the same Cilwendeg estate.

The next trip planned is to Pembroke Dock Heritage Centre followed by a conducted tour of the dockyard; this will take place in October. 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



PLANT SALE

Despite temperatures in the 30s, it was an ideal day and location for the annual Plant Sale which was a great success, even though the Royal Wedding and a World Cup Football match took place on the same day! The sun shone throughout, and smiled on the bounty of young plants of all types on display: vigorous beans and peas just waiting to be planted out and crop well; tomatoes and pumpkins all at the ready; and herbaceous plants for those gaps in our borders – well established lupins and golden rod. There were shrubs, trees and even house plants. Supporters turned out in good numbers. The shopping didn't take long. Choices were easy. Then the village chatted with friends and neighbours, ready for the BBQ, the Cream Teas and even a cheeky Prosecco. The sale made over £400.



PLASH NEWS

Hello Everybody,

So Summer is almost behind us and what a great summer we have had. Our beer festival was our best so far, with great entertainment from Holly and Bob aka The Two Ravens, Richard Henton (a local teacher from Tavernspite School), and, we saw the return of Mansel Davies, who gave a great performance that was 3 hours long!! Despite the weather of doom, the ales were flowing and all was enjoyed! It is now the 10th year that we have been featured in CAMRA's good beer guide, and we are hoping for Pub of the Year next year.

On to Autumn... Preparations are underway for our fireworks. Also, we are hosting another wine tasting in September featuring Red Wines and Ports and a 2 course supper to accompany some delicious wines! Then there's the 'C' word... Christmas! All systems go for Santa's arrival with a sing-a-long, festive menu, turkey shoot and the Christmas quiz!

Watch out on our webpage and Facebook for all the info!

We hope to see you all soon!

Quiz Night: Tuesdays (Blue Bag Day!), 8pm, Every Fortnight: 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 5pm & 7pm. Free of Charge and a great way to finish off the weekend! Check the website/Facebook for who's on.

Wine Tasting: Sunday 12th September at 7pm. We will be sampling some amazing Red Wines and Ports from all over the world. A 2 course supper will complement the wines. £20 per person and booking is essential.

Opening Hours: Monday -Friday: 5pm-11pm Saturday: 12noon -11pm Sunday: 3pm-9pm

Food Served: Tuesday to Saturday: 6pm – 9pm **Food Special Offers:** Steak and a Pint for £10.00

Cheers Steve and Christie



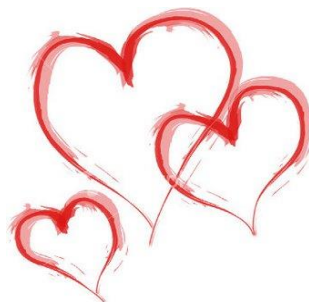
FIRST DOG SHOW

Wendy King organised an amazing Dog Show, a first for Llanfallteg. The Judges and sponsors were from Malthouse Vets, Narberth. The serious classes were first to show, drawing big entries from far afield. The Champion was Wendy Bigley's beagle.

There was a good local turnout, with many children impressive in the handling classes, obviously having spent time practising jumping for treats! However, adults were not to be out-done. Suffice it to say that many rosettes were being sported in the pub garden after the event, by those old enough to drink! There were 15 entrants from the most local dog owners, and Rocky, the Cockapoo, owned by Shirley Thomas of Llandissilio, was declared the winner for the Best Local Dog. There was a popular winner in the final category – the dog the judges would like to take home – Sol Silverstone with Bertie.

We are promised an even bigger event next year with two show rings to accommodate the number of entries. £350 was made on the day.

Footnote: There was a surprise class – the breeder's cup – won by Moss and Lily!



CHRISTMAS FAIRE

This will be held on **Friday, November 30th** from 5pm to around 8.30pm this year. There are still a couple of stalls vacant if you know anyone who does Christmassy things, and would like to sell them – there is no charge for a pitch! We shall have mince pies and mulled wine, jacket potatoes, tea and coffee for sale, beautiful things to buy for Christmas, **Santa** will be there with presents for the children, face painting, games and crafts, and lots of Christmas music to sing and listen to. A really good start to the Christmas season.

Entrance is FREE. Contact Wendy Heron on 01994 240947 or wendyheron@gmail.com