

The Newsletter for the Community of
Llanfallteg, Henllan Amgoed, Cwmfelin Boeth, Llangan & Rhydywrach

Community Website: www.llanfallteg.org

GREAT EXHIBITION 2019



And a great exhibition it turned out to be. Recognising that many of us produce arts and crafts, John Cooper led the way and extended invitations for people and groups to submit their work. The result was that the hall's display boards were filled with paintings, photographs and wall hangings. In order to cope with range of work to be hung, John designed contraptions to help with this. In addition pottery, woodwork, wool, fabric and jewellery adorned the tables.

The Sunday Morning Art Group were well represented, as were Wednesday's crafters. Local photographers gave us views of the village and far away places. The art was similarly varied, both in vision, media and subject matter. Many people were showing their work in public for the first time, and all were pleased with the way their work was received.

An exhibition by Llanfallteg History Society, intended as a taster to arouse interest in local history, was held in the small meeting room. It consisted of summaries of archived material from the research carried out in the creation of the local book. The diverse subjects ranged from a battle to prevent a quarry in West Llanfallteg, to the arrival of the railway and its impact on the growth of East Llanfallteg and its associated trades. Information was also available about the computerised index of the society's archives. A resource available to anyone.

Coffee and plenty of cake was also served and proved popular as ever, particularly as it was complimented by a slide show of old photographs. This generated much interest, especially from longer serving members of the community, keen to identify relatives, friends and neighbours from the past. Donations and money raised by the refreshments meant that over £200 was raised towards the upkeep of the hall, but it achieved far more than this.

If you have any old photographs of the village, its buildings and its people, we would love to see them and, possibly, incorporate them into the slide show. If you would like further information about using the archive index, please contact the LHS secretary on 01437563938 or paramali@btinternet.com

Playing Field Village Fete
Saturday July 20th 2019 - 12pm til 5pm.

The annual **Playing Field Village Fete** returns this July at the new time of 12 noon till 5pm. Craft and horticultural show entries can be entered at the Millennium hall from 10am till 12 on Saturday 20th of July. So why not enter your show items and then join us at the fete from midday for a bite to eat. There will be the tea room serving teas, coffees and other refreshments, in addition to the BBQ. With lots of fun activities, games and music there will be plenty for all the family. We look forward to seeing you all there. All funds raised will be used for the operation and upgrading of the playing field.

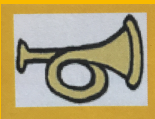
Henllanfallteg Open Garden Event

Sunday June 2nd 2pm - 4pm

The Community Association is arranging for a number of gardens in the village to be open for you to wander round and enjoy, talk to the owners and share their experiences. The Millennium Hall will be open for tea and coffee, cakes, scones and maybe even ice cream. You will need to start your adventure there to buy a map of the gardens to visit and this will act as your entry ticket to each garden.

This is in aid of the maintenance fund for the Millennium Hall and we hope many of you will come and have an interesting day exploring nooks and crannies of the village you may not have seen before!

Please direct any enquiries to The Community Association, (secretary: Wendy Heron 01994 240947).



Helgorn Taf Bugle

Nikki's Wildlife Watch Jan-April 2019

Trauma in the Garden

Whilst I was in the shed in early January, I heard screeching coming from somewhere in the garden. I went to investigate and found to my horror, that a starling was caught on the bird-feeder stand. His left leg was trapped between the posts, and he was screeching and flapping. His leg was bleeding and torn as he struggled. I had to hold him to try to ease his leg back up the gap to free him. The poor thing was obviously shocked and frightened and he gave me quite a few good sharp pecks! I took him into the house, but the leg was gone, so we covered the wound in petroleum jelly, put him in a basket, added some seed and water, put the lid on and placed him in the shed.

The next morning I got up as soon as it was getting light to check on the poor thing. I was sure he would have died in the night, but when I opened the shed door the contents were strewn everywhere, jam jars were smashed, plants tipped over, and the basket on its side! But, over on the potting table, sat a very alert starling, I approached him cautiously to look at his wound, and it wasn't bleeding. He was, however, very unsteady and kept dropping down onto his tummy. I pegged the door and windows open, and in no time he flew out and off up into the tree. The next morning a very wobbly one-legged starling was trying to balance and feed on the tray of wild seed. We haven't seen him since, but I hope he managed to survive his ordeal and copes on his one leg.

Other Wildlife Sightings.

Feb 1st A goldcrest on the feeder.

Feb 4th A pair of woodcock over in the 1st field across the river.

Feb 8th A family of long-tailed tits in the garden.

March 30th Chiff chaff calling in the trees near Adams Row.

April 3rd Two swallows at Dol-y-Coed

April 7th at 8.30pm Three bats circling above our garden.

Weather Fact

The warmest day ever recorded for a February was in Wales on Feb 25th in Ceredigion at **20.3c**
In Llanfallteg at 1pm it was **18c**.



HEART WARMING HAIRCUTS

Three young girls from the village have had their hair cut, so that it can be made into wigs for cancer sufferers, and also to help raise money for their support.

Megan and Mabli King were inspired by their mother's aunt, who, when cancer returned for the sixth time, decided to shave her head. In a show of love, they had their hair cut too, and sent it to The Little Princess Trust. Their friend, Holly Morris, added her long locks to the cause. Megan and Mabli have so far raised more than £700.

Link to fundraising page: <https://uk.gofundme.com/megan-amp-mablis->



Litter Pickers Unite!

Have you seen the litter-pickers and bags in their splendid holder, in the porch of the Millennium Hall? Well, they are there for all of us to use. In the winter, particularly, there is a considerable amount of litter on the roadside. Now there is the opportunity to borrow the litter-pickers, wherever you live, and help keep our community a litter-free zone.

Please return them, so that others can keep their environs litter free too.

Thank you to the Community Association for providing them, Chis Heron for making the holder, and, all those who have already used, or will use them in the future.

Lynn Meredith



Helgorn Taf Bugle

History Society News

Firstly, a reminder about the trip on **Sunday 12th May at 10 am to Cresselly House**. The cost is £4.00pp, no children under 12, & no dogs. We currently have 13 people who are coming. Please email if you wish to come and haven't already expressed an interest. (Please note numbers limited to 20.)

Andy Quinn and I are investigating the possibility of a visit to Dolaucothi Gold Mines sometime in June. If you are interested please Email and let us know, so we can determine the likely size of the group booking (please note it may have to take place on a weekday). It would also help if you could give us any preference you may have on the available tours and dates. Entrance is free for National Trust members & £6.50 for non-members

Playing Field awarded £1000



In March Jamie, Wendy & Nikki, trustees of Llanfallteg Memorial Playing Field, visited Tesco stores in Carmarthen to be presented with a cheque for £1000 after applying for the Tesco Community Grants. The team thank everyone who voted for the playing field using the blue Tesco tokens.

Found at Latchygors



In April, a friend with a metal detector found a halfpenny token issued in 1811 by the Patent Sheathing Nail Manufactory in Bristol.

This company was owned by Samuel Guppy who, in 1796, patented a labour saving machine for the making of nails. His greatest innovation was a barbed copper nail for fixing copper sheathing to the wooden hulls of ships - such an important development that the Government bought the patent from Guppy for £40,000. Just imagine what that would be today!

The token is about the size of an old one penny. It is unclear why Guppy needed to mint his tokens (farthing, halfpenny and penny). The rapid expansion of the economy at the end of the 18th century with the Industrial Revolution caused a severe currency shortage. Some industrialists tackled this by paying wages in their own currency tokens, which could be exchanged for coins of the realm. However, the new Royal Mint in London was complete by 1809 – 2 years before the issue of Guppy's tokens. Why, then did he issue them?

Samuel's wife, Sarah, was an engineer and patented a design for a suspension bridge in 1811. She also designed an early Teasmade and an exercise bed!

WHAT DOES THE NGS DO FOR US?

Joining the National Garden Scheme 13 years ago has certainly provided us with plenty of hard work. Although my husband, Paul, was then still working full time, he has always needed something active to do. We both enjoy gardening, but he does the heavy work and it takes a lot to drive him indoors. One thing we hadn't realised about the Scheme was that we would meet lots of other gardeners, several of whom have become good friends. The inspiration to be derived from other gardeners can't be exaggerated. We love the way every garden has its own character, reflecting the taste and personality of its owner. It's great to share plants with fellow gardeners and to receive lovely plants in return: there is a strong spirit of generosity running right through the National Garden Scheme. Gardening has huge health benefits, both physical and mental. Activity in itself lifts the spirits. The creative aspect is so important to us: the garden space is a canvas to showcase ideas. No garden is ever finished. It is in constant flux. Another lovely thing is the visitors who come to see the garden. We do get lots of positive feedback, from people who have enjoyed their time here at Llwyngarreg and we always enjoy a chat with anyone showing an interest. Luckily, those who don't like our relaxed style of gardening are not so forthcoming! Lastly there is the fund-raising aspect. It does make you feel good to think that the income visitors bring is going to good use, something to give back. In the last 10 years the National Garden Scheme has raised £25 million for caring and nursing charities. What's not to like?



Helgorn Taf Bugle

PLASH NEWS

Hi Everyone,

It's getting warmer!

Summer is on its way, so we are bringing new wines, rums, Beer Fest, lots of sunshine (hopefully!) & time in the Beer Garden!

Back in March, John and Nikki attended our wine merchant's Trade Evening and came back with some cracking wines to add to our Wine List. After a brilliant Wine Tasting evening we chose ones we think you'll love. We even have a Vegan, Italian Sangiovese, which is yummy, and new wines from Argentina, Spain, France and Chile! In addition to the classic Captain Morgan Dark & Spiced, we are introducing a fantastic, new range of rums, which will be available from the end of May (Bank Holiday). Just don't tell Jack Sparrow!!

Beer Fest returns on the last weekend of July, from 12 noon each day with some great, local ales and ciders, fizz, gins and the rums, plus BBQ and Live Music all 3 days. It should be a good 'un.

Our Live Music Sundays are popular, and with a change to April's booking, we saw the return of Mike Chant, who was superb. June's Live Music is a little different as a karaoke evening has been suggested, so bring your voices for some singalong fun!

On the food front, we are now offering Sunday Lunch, every Sunday between 12noon & 2pm. Booking is essential!!

We hope you have a fantastic summer and look forward to welcoming you all to The Plash very soon!

Cheers, *Steve & Christie*

Quiz Night: Tuesdays (Blue Bag Day!), 8pm, Every Fortnight, alternating with **Folk Music Night:** Tuesdays (Black Bag Day!) from 8pm.

Live Sundays: Join us on the last Sunday of the month for some fantastic live music between 5pm & 7pm.

May – Mansel Davies

July – 26th: Sian Richards

August - Cadence

June – KARAOKE!

27th: Dai C. Thomas

28th: Holly & Bob

Beer Festival 2019:

26th to 28th July from 12 noon each day. Fabulous, local Guest Ales & Ciders; BBQ & Live Music each day!

For details of forthcoming events and opening hours please visit: www.theplashinn.co.uk

Henllanfallteg Community Council Secure Additional Funding

Funds have been secured under Section 137, which will allow for applications for financial support for the year 2019-2020 to be approved for spend within 2019/2020 financial year. The HCC has put aside this additional revenue and welcomes applications from those seeking to improve the local area and its facilities.

We will give priority to farmers and landowners requesting funding assistance to repair/replace styles/gateways on the three advertised local Rights of Way in our community. This decision will make sure everyone in the Community benefits, the landowners, from better signage, gates, styles etc. and the users from easier access and longer lasting facilities.

These routes known as Red-Llanfallteg, Blue-Rhydywrach and Green-Henllan Amgoed, advertised in the Millennium Hall, and on the website, are used by the local residents and visitors.

Applicants need to request the funding from HCC in writing to The Clerk at henllanfallteg@gmail.com. This money is available immediately on a first come basis, up to a 100% of the cost may be covered, and we request you apply to improve the area for all. It is easy to get and we want to send it!!!

Clerk, Henllanfallteg Community Council.

OPEN CLASSES – A to M

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 20 x 20inch.
- A5 An item of Homemade Jewellery.
- A6 Open class - any item of handmade craft outside of the other categories.

B | PHOTOGRAPHY – Up to 2 prints per exhibit fee.

- B1 Photography – Subject: **Portraits**.
Mounted photograph maximum mounted size 16x12inch.
- B2 Photo Snaps – Subject: **Family Day Out**.
Printed photograph (un-mounted) max-size 10x8inch.
See photography rules.
You can print your photographs either at home, local Boots / Tesco stores or online.

C | COOKERY

- C1 A cake using any vegetables.
- C2 Four welsh cakes.
- C3 A savoury Quiche.
- C4 A cake – Any type (Open Class).
- C5 A loaf of bread.
- C6 A fruit crumble.

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 6 Eggs of any variety.

G | FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS

- G1 A flower arrangement using driftwood.
- G2 A single rose bloom floating in a glass of water.
- G3 Hanging basket (rail for hanging provided).
- G4 3 Stems of “Your Choice”.
- 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 “Train”.

CHILDREN’S CLASSES

J | PRE-SCHOOL AGE

- J1 A drawing or painting, any subject.
Any size up to 12x16inch (or A3 sheet).

K | AGES 7 AND UNDER

- K1 A decorated stone.
- K2 Drawing of a rock pool.
- K3 An animal made of vegetables / fruit.

L | AGES 8 TO 11

- L1 A decorated stone.
- L2 A drawing of a rock pool.
- L3 An animal made of vegetables / fruit.

M | ALL AGES UP TO 16

- M1 Handwriting of the verse = “The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog”.

- M2 Decorated pizza base.
Maximum size 8inch.
- M3 Photographic print of an animal or pet.
Maximum size 10x8inch.
- M4 A model house. Made from any material including recycled items, card, wood, Lego etc.
Maximum size 6x6inch, maximum height 12inch.

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

Terms & Conditions for Exhibitors 2019

Definitions & abbreviations:

- The Park = Llanfallteg Memorial Playing Field – Charity No. 519286
- Day of the Fete = Saturday 20th July 2019
- Park Secretary = Taf House, Llanfallteg, SA34 0UN

1. GENERAL EXHIBITION RULES

1. All exhibitors and exhibits are to follow the Show Rules as set out below.
2. Some Classes may have additional and specific rulings to adhere to. Please see specific class rules below where applicable.
3. All exhibits must be the exhibitor's original own work except where specified.

2. ENTERING EXHIBITS

1. Entry fees are £0.50p per exhibit per class. Except photography classes, see below.
2. Entry fees for exhibitors aged 16yrs and under are free of charge.
3. Exhibitors aged 16yrs and under are open to enter exhibits into all open classes.
4. Exhibits can be submitted to the show from 10am until 12midday on the day of the Fete at The Millennium Hall, Llanfallteg, SA34 0UN.
5. No exhibits to be entered in more than one class.
6. All exhibits are entered at the owner's risk. The Park take no responsibility for lost or damaged exhibits.

3. COLLECTING EXHIBITS AT END OF DAY

1. All exhibits should be collected from The Millennium Hall by 5pm on the same day. Any unclaimed exhibits by the close of day will be disposed of or donated accordingly.

4. JUDGING, PRIZES & THROPHIES

1. Judging will commence from 12midday on the day of the Fete.
2. Judges decision is final.
3. Prizes for 1st are £2 in all adult and children's classes.
4. All cups are the property of The Park and are competed for annually. Winners must sign for their trophy and are requested to return it The Park Secretary before 1st of July the following year.
5. Trophies are awarded for the following specific classes / exhibits:
 - Dave King Memorial Cup – The Dave King Approved exhibit
 - Jim Slater Memorial Cup – Best in show
 - Tim Husband Cup – Best children's exhibit aged 8 to 16yrs
 - Nellie Lewis Cup – Best children's exhibit aged 7yrs & under
 - Willie Reynolds Cup – Best cookery exhibit
 - Fruit & Vegetable Cup – Best fruit or vegetable exhibit
 - Flowers Cup – Best flowers exhibit
 - Arts & Craft Cup – Best arts & craft exhibit
 - Photography cup – Best photographic exhibit

5. PUBLIC VIEWING OF EXHIBITS

1. The show exhibition will be open to the public for viewing from 1pm on the day of the Fete.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT RULES

1. Entry fees specifically for Photography classes are £0.50p for up to 2 photographic exhibits.
2. Exhibits in the Photo snaps class should be a printed photograph, unmounted and not in a frame, to a maximum size of 10 x 8inch.
3. Exhibits in the Photography class should be a printed photograph, mounted but not in a frame, to a maximum mounted size of 16 x 12inch.