



FUN-FILLED FETE

Always a wonderful day, but there was a new approach this year, which made it just fabulous! Timings had changed - with the field bursting into life at noonwell, maybe not bursting, as the weather was miserable at that point! But a steady stream of visitors arrived, and the sun came with them.

Dance, willow weaving, pebble painting, yoga and juggling workshops took place at scheduled times throughout the afternoon, and were enjoyed by many, as was the newly constructed play area, complete with trim trail. (See pic on Page 2)

No innovation was needed in the music and water slide departments, which remained focal points, and crucial to the success of the afternoon.

The Fete raised a little over £1,500, which will go towards future playing field maintenance and development.

The Playing Field team held a thank-you BBQ for all those who helped make the village fete a wonderful day. This provided an opportunity for those who give their time to get together socially. We are grateful for the help we get, and always welcome new people who wish to offer their support in making the Fete a success.



Show Winners

Congratulations to the following:

- Nellie Lewis Cup (Under 7) - Bronwyn Rodea
- Tim Husband Cup (8-16 yrs) - Thomas Pugh
- Willie Reynolds Cup - Ewan King-Allum
- Cookery - Ewan King-Allum
- Craft - Matthew Hoare
- Flowers - Wendy King
- Vegetables - Steve Hughes
- Dave King Memorial Cup - Sue Compton
- Jim Slater Cup - Dennis Watts
- Photographs - Dennis Watts

PLANT SALE

A Plant Sale took place on Saturday, 18th May to raise funds for the next phase of installing the new Agility Trail.

The organisers want to thank all who donated plants, to Nikki's very popular Plant Tombola, and the amazing team who ran the Tea Stall and Barbecue Stall. Also, to the children who made new bunting with material given by Peter and Jean Icke's family. Thanks to all the stall holders for the wonderful selection of plants on offer.

We raised over £400 on a very successful, sunny afternoon enjoyed by everyone.





Helgorn Taf Bugle

Nikki's Wildlife Watch, Summer 2019

We've had quite a good summer again this year; the water butts in the garden had to be topped up at the beginning of July as we'd had a few weeks without rain, but then the heavens opened, and they were full once more, and have been ever since.

We spotted two Hummingbird Hawk moths on the Valerium on the front wall on June 14th at 6.45pm, and then on Tuesday 1st August, a cloud of beautiful Painted Lady butterflies arrived. They have been here since - a wonderful sight. When we open our front door to walk out, they lift off, then settle back down to feed on the flowers I have planted for them, or lie with their wings open on the stones, warming themselves. This phenomenon of millions of these



beautiful butterflies happens every 10 years or so, the last time being 2009, when 11 million arrived in Britain on their migration north. I belong to the Butterfly Conservation Group, which asks members to take part in the annual butterfly count. I love to settle down and count butterflies for an hour on a warm sunny day, then send my results in with thousands of other butterfly watchers. This year, Painted Ladies topped my watch, followed by the small Tortoiseshell. I also spotted a large Silver Washed Fritillary, a new visitor to the garden.

When out for a walk over the river bridge, along the temporary re-routed footpath, I came across an unusual plant growing at the edge of the maize. I took a photograph, and Lynn and Graham Meredith identified it, and warned me "Beware, it is Datura, whose common name is Thorny Apple" They kindly dug it up and destroyed it.



Other wildlife news: we put up two new bird boxes in early spring. One remained empty, but the other gave us great delight when it was taken over by busy bumble bees, making a home and a nursery. Jenny and Chris had been feeding two pheasant families throughout the winter. They have been rewarded by hens bringing their broods of 9 and 10 chicks into the garden for a meal. Happy Days!



THE CREW!

VILLAGE ON VIEW



After an absence of many years, 'Open Gardens' was back on the calendar.

Eight of us took part, worrying that the first weekend in June was "too early", "the gardens were not ready", but in fact this was not an issue, as they looked primed to burst into life and the potential was obvious for all to see.

The weather was inclement, which maybe affected numbers, and the two-hour time slot was too tight to allow visitors to do gardens both at the top and the west of the village, although, one dedicated couple managed to do all eight gardens.



The teacake and plant stalls in the village hall were popular, and it was here, in the hall, that a past resident commented on "the wonderful community spirit", and the "immense amount of work done by all concerned". There was also praise for the "tremendous richness, some rustic, some manicured to perfection, and some quirky, but in the most positive idyllic sense".

It is hoped to repeat the event next year, possibly for the whole afternoon, and that more people will be persuaded to open their gardens.



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LLANFALLTEG HISTORY SOCIETY NEWS



On 7th July this year, members of the History Society visited **Dolaucothi Gold Mine** for a conducted tour. The mines are set amid the wooded hillsides overlooking the Cothi Valley, with extensive grounds and walks adding to the visit. Mining for Gold at Dolaucothi goes back at least 2000 years, to Roman times. Following this early start, little is known about much of the period up until the 1930s, when it was briefly worked again. Mining ended in the 1938.

The fascinating tour took in the Roman and Victorian workings, allowing us to experience the conditions underground. The Mine Yard itself contains buildings and machinery dating from the 1930s.

Owned by the National Trust the visit was excellent, with experienced staff making it both fun and interesting. Narrow passageways and low ceilings in places, added to the authenticity of the experience.

Back in May, a dozen or so History Society members met at **Cresselly House** for a guided tour of the property, and some of the grounds. The owner, Hugh Harrison Allen, greeted us warmly, and his charm and willingness to share his home, his knowledge of its history, and anecdotes about his ancestors delighted us for the whole of the visit.

Particular highlights were the plaster work on the drawing room ceiling, reckoned to be amongst the best in Europe, a cabinet of laburnum and marquetry, and the water colours of Lady Catherine Allen. My favourite character had to be the great grandfather, who until his death, eschewed the stairs leading to his bedroom on the top floor for a rope! The house is only open to visitors at certain times of the year, and is definitely an opportunity not to be missed.

Other Events: During the summer some members have taken advantage of other events provided by other societies, these have included such diverse subjects as:

Laugharne History Society presented a very informative talk on 'Aerial photography over Wales' given by a Royal Commission guest speaker.

The history of Haverfordwest's Workhouse was the subject of a Civic Society guided walk around part of Haverfordwest. Description of conditions bought a whole new meaning to the terms "Austerity" and "Poverty".

We are looking forward in September to a talk at Narberth Museum about historic items found on the Pilgrim's Way and later in the month we have planned a conducted visit to Nevern Church and Castle site.

If you wish to know more about Llanfallteg History Society or have any queries please contact the secretary on paramali@btinternet.com



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FLASH NEWS

Hello Everybody,

So, That was summer! Now the kids are back at school and autumn & winter are upon us. We'll be lighting the fire in The Plash before you know it!

First up, we have a new Winter Menu starting on the 11th September along with some new Specials, so keep an eye out. We are also now serving food from Wednesday to Saturday, along with Sunday Lunchtime.

We have begun planning on our massively popular Fireworks Display, our 12th, as always free of charge, though donations are gratefully received with all profits going to charity!

Live Music Sundays continue - see below for dates.

Our Christmas events will be taking place throughout December, with the Christmas Quiz, Turkey Shoot & SingAlong Evening, maybe the Mari Lwyd will make an appearance again!

Cheers, Steve & Christie

Fireworks Night: Tuesday 5th November; Display starts at 7pm; Free of Charge. Sparklers & Marshmallows for Kids, BBQ, Outside Bar.

Quiz Night: Tuesdays (Blue Bag Day!), 8pm, Every Fortnight. Free food at half-time. £1 per person.

Live Sundays: Come and join us on the last Sunday of the month for some fantastic local Live Music between 5pm & 7pm. Free of Charge and a great way to finish off the weekend!

September– 29th: Al Davey jnr.

October – 27th: Henry Martin Ghost Duo

November -24th: tba

December – 31st (New Years Eve): KARAOKE!

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday: 5pm -11pm Sunday: 3pm -9pm

Food Served: Wednesday to Saturday: 6pm – 9pm Sunday Lunch: 12noon – 2pm

Christmas Opening Hours:

Christmas Eve: 5pm - 11pm | Christmas Day: 12noon - 2pm | Boxing Day: 5pm - 11pm

New Year's Eve: 5pm - late | New Year's Day: 5pm - 11pm

Table Tennis News

This time of year we see our regular players returning from work and holiday commitments for the regular two hours of table tennis on Thursday evenings, from 7pm through to 9 pm. We have 4 high quality tables in the Millennium Hall and plenty of club bats available too. It's open play, so apart from sticking to the rules there is no formality to the evening.

Why not come along and join in? We charge £2 a night for adults and £1 for juniors. It's good exercise and good fun with the occasional benefit of winning a game! All are welcome, and a recent overseas visitor from Japan showed how rusty skills can be revitalised after only a few games.

We have in the past organised friendly competition with one of the Pembrokeshire TT clubs in the autumn, home or away, which adds to the enjoyment and challenge of playing. With enough interest this could again be a feature of our autumn schedule.

Contact: Chris or Wendy on 01994240947 for more information.

Henllanfallteg Christmas Fayre

It's that time of year again when plans are afoot for Christmas and we hope to get things off to a good start with the Christmas Fayre, to be held this year on Friday November 29th from 5pm to 8.30pm.

There will be lots of stalls selling Christmas goodies, Santa Claus will be there of course, mulled wine and mince pies, jacket spuds and cups of tea, Christmas carols from Serendipity Choir, a raffle, and, a Christmas Fairy.

We hope that lots of you will join us to get into the Christmas spirit and raise a little money for the community.

If you would like a stall (free) please contact Wendy Heron on 07768 108826 or at wendyheron@gmail.com