

# Tafod Twrog

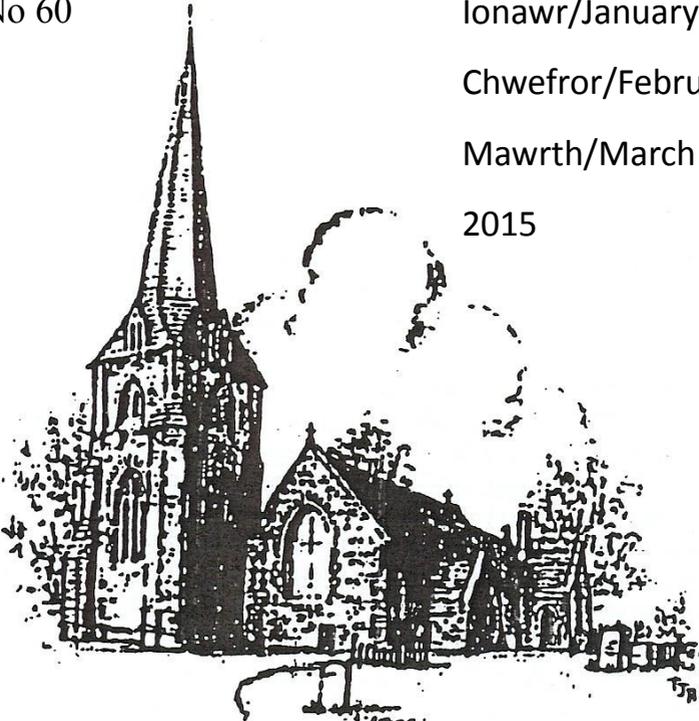
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Annwyl Frindiau.

Mae'r misoedd diwethaf wedi bod yn rhai prysur iawn yn Eglwys Sant Twrog a charwn ddiolch i bawb am eu cefnogaeth a'u ffyddlondeb i'r gwasanaethau. Erbyn hyn rydym wedi cwblhau Y Daith i Fethlehem a da o beth oedd gweld y gymuned wedi dod at ei gilydd i dalu gwrogaeth i'r baban Iesu a oedd yn Frenin y Brenhinoedd ac yn Dywysog Tangnefedd.

Mae blwyddyn arall ar y gorwel a symudwn i mewn i 2015 yn llawn gobaith am y dyfodol. Beth fydd ein haddunedau ni yn ystod 2015? A fyddwn wedi eu torri erbyn diwedd Mis Ionawr? A fyddwn ni blwyddyn nesaf eto yn cymeryd haelioni Duw yn ganiataol ac anghofio rhoi ein diolch iddo. Mae yn anodd credu mai ond 30% o deuluoedd erbyn hyn sydd yn hollol ymwybodol o stori'r Nadolig ac yn gwybod gwir ystyr yr wyl.

Tra fod popeth yn iawn mae yn beth naturiol i lawer anghofio am Dduw ac hyd yn oed cwestiynu ei fodolaeth ond pan mae pethau y mynd o chwith mae angen yr angor a'r gobaith ar bob yr un ohonom.

Mae yn fy atgoffa i am y stori am yr anffyddiwr a oedd yn cerdded trwy goedwig yng Nghanada yn edmygu y coed godidog, yr haul yn disgleirio a'r cread yn ei anterth ond er hyn i gyd nid oedd yn rhoi y credyd i Dduw am ddim o hyn. Ac wrth iddo barhau a'i daith fe ddaeth Arth ato ac roedd ar ymosod arno a'i bawen wedi ei chodi, ac medde'r anffyddiwr "O Dduw ble'r wyt ti". Cafodd Duw cymaint o sioc fel ei fod yn rhewi pawen yr Arth a stopio amser, a dywedodd wrth y gwr, "Wel rwyn methu credu ar ol yr holl flynyddoedd hyn i gyd dy fod ti wedi gofyn am fy nghymorth i, ti sydd wedi dylanwadu eraill a methu credu fy mod i yn bod" "O medde'r gwr "rwy ddim yn disgwyl i ti fy helpu gan ei fod yn rhy hwyr i mi bellach ddweud fy mod yn credu, ond a fydde ti yn fodlon gwneud yr Arth yn gristion. " Gwnaf hynny" medde Duw a dyma popeth yn dod yn fyw eto, a'r Arth y doddi ei bawen i lawr er mawr rhyddhad i'r anffyddiwr. Roedd yn awr yn meddwl ei fod wedi trechu, ond er mawr syndod iddo fe ddechreuodd yr Arth weddio "O Dad am beth wyf yn mynd i fwyta yn awr gwna fi yn gwbl ddiolchgar"

Mae pwer gweddi yn beth sydd yn anodd ei egluro ond mae mor hanfodol i bob yr un ohonom. Yn yr ardal hon dros yr wythnosau diwethaf mae sawl teulu wedi bod angen ein gweddiau a pharhawn i weddio trostynt.

Rwy'n gobeithio fod gennym un cyfaill arbennig. Gall fod yn wr neu'n wraig, yn gyfaill ysgol, neu'n ffrind agos, rhywun y gallwn rannu unrhyw beth gyda nhw; rhywun sy'n medru chwerthin neu grio gyda ni; rhywun sydd a gwir ddiddordeb ynom, un y gwyddom na fydd yn datgelu ein cyfrinachau i eraill. Y mae cyfeillion fel hyn yn brin a gwerthfawr ac rydym mor ffodus o'u cyfeillgarwch. Ac onid dyna yw gweddi, cyfeillgarwch rhyngom ni a Duw. Efe a'n gwaeth, efe sydd yn ein caru ac yn deall i'r dim, ac nid yw ef byth yn datgelu cyfrinach. Os na fyddwn yn siarad a'n ffrindiau yn rheoliadd mae nhw yn meddwl bod rhywbeth o'i le ac onid yr un fath yw hi os nad ydym yn gweddio i Dduw yn gyson. Mae Duw yn disgwyl i ni gysylltu ag ef yn rheolaidd. Gall gweddi fod yn gri am gymorth, yn enwedig mewn amser o argyfwng, ond cyn gynted ag y bydd hwnnw drosodd, anghofiwn am Dduw. Rhaid i ni fod yn ofalus na fydd ein gweddiau ni yn weddiau o banic, rhaid diolch yn ogystal a gofyn.

Wrth i ni felly edrych ymlaen i 2015 diolchwn am ein teulu, am ein ffrindiau a diolch am haelioni Duw i ni, a byddwn yn barod i rhannu ei neges ag eraill.

Gadewch i ni fod yn barod i dderbyn her y flwyddyn newydd a gwynebu y dyfodol gyda hyder gan wybod fod Duw wrth ein hochor.

Bydded i Dduw ein bendithio.

*Jean*

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Cysgod-y-llan, Llanddarog.  
December 2014

Dear Friends

As you read this letter there will only be a few days left before Christmas, and we should have made our preparations to welcome the Christ child into our midst. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

As we face a New Year it is said that we should make a spiritual stock-taking. Looking back on the old year with all its credits and debits and looking forward, resolved to make a better go of it. It is at moments like this, as we face a New Year that we pause and ask the question "What is time".

Years ago, someone pondering on the problem wrote the following:

“Time is the striking of a clock;  
The shadow on the dial, the running of the sand;  
Summer and winter, weeks, months. Years, centuries.  
But these are the outward arbitrary signs of time -  
The measures of time; not Time itself.  
Time is life of the soul - if not this,  
Then tell me - what is time?”

The month January takes its name from the Roman god Janus, the god of “openings” and the god of “gates”. And as the god of “openings” he was prayed to at the beginning of all undertakings. Above all, he was the protector of the arch-way through which the army marched out to war.

For all of us the New Year offers us a time filled with new opportunities, new challenges and new experiences, which if rightly grasped, can greatly enrich us.

For us at St Twrog the New Year will bring changes as we move into a new Ministry Area consisting of the churches of St Twrog Llanddarog, St David’s Llanarthne, St Anne’s Cwmffrwd and St Cynwr Llangunor. The Ministry team leader will live at the new Vicarage in Llanddarog and we hope to welcome him/her in the next few months. We will need to work together in partnership ensuring that we grasp all the opportunities and face up to all the challenges that come our way. Change can sometimes be painful but if we adopt the right attitude and are determined in our undertakings, then we will move into this new era stronger and better Christians.

“ And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: Give me a light that I might tread safely into the unknown”. And he replied “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be better than light and safer than a known way”

May this be our prayer during the next few months:

May the strength of God pilot us

May the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us.

May the shield of God defend us.

May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us,

May thy salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and evermore. Amen

May God bless us all

## Editorial

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the magazine this quarter. Its so interesting hearing all your news and I was very pleased to learn more about Cats! When I first saw the article I thought it was going to be about the musical, but this was far more interesting.

We have a full calendar again, as you can see from the 'Dates for your Diary' and we've been busy this last quarter too, particularly with preparing for the 'A Journey to Bethlehem' performance. Its good to see so many joining in with the life of the church and enjoying so much fellowship. Long may it continue.

Christmas is a time of joy and hope, and Peter and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

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## BLODAU ALLOR ~ ALTAR FLOWERS

### Ionawr/January

4 & 11                      Mrs H. Davies                      Llys Awelon Drefach

18 & 25                     Mrs J.M. Davies                    Woodlands

### Chwefror/February

1 & 8                        Mrs J. Davies                        14, Brynhyfryd

15                            Mrs K Davies                        Fferm Penrhiw

Y Garawys ~ Lent

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A Journey to Bethlehem

My congratulations to Vilna Thomas, who devised the idea of 'A Journey to Bethlehem', although there have been times when we were trying to find appropriate costumes and prepare carol sheets and scripts when I distinctly remember asking her not to have any bright ideas next year as I needed a rest!

She has put together an excellent production which has enabled church members to get together regularly (for rehearsals) and enjoy companionship. People have been generous in supplying costumes, material and animals!! We are praying for dry weather on the evening, but need to get this to print, so perhaps I can persuade Vilna to write about the experience in the next edition of Tafod Twrog. Thanks to everyone who participates and those who come along to join us.

Margaret Rees

## **HAPUSRWYDD A THRISTWCH**

## **JOYS AND SORROWS**

### **Bedydd/Baptism**

Yn y cwarter diwethaf ni fuodd yna bedydd / No baptisms were held in the church in the last quarter

### **Priodas/Marriage**

Yn y cwarter diwethaf ni fuodd yn priodas/ No marriages were celebrated in the church in the last quarter.

### **Angladd/Funeral**

Yn y cwarter diwethaf ni fuodd angladdau / No funerals were held in the church in the last quarter.

Cofiw'n yn gariadus am bawb a fu farw yn ddiweddar; ac am bawb y mae tymor eu coffhad yn syrthio yr adeg hon o'r flwyddyn. Bydded i'r ffyddlon ymadawedig orffwys mewn hedd a chyfodi mewn gogoniant.

We remember with love all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year. May the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **Cleifion/The Sick**

Gweddwiwch dros bawb sy'n glaf mewn ysbryd corff neu feddwl, gartref neu mewn ysbyty. / Please pray for the sick in body, mind or spirit including Joyce Davies, Ray Thomas, Carol Rogers, Rose Watkins, Graham Tilley, Evelyn Rees, Evelyn Evans, Kim Davies, Jean Rees, Mona Fitzgerald, John Ellis, Angela Skym, and Malcolm Gilder. Please inform the wardens if someone falls ill or is in hospital. Home communion can be arranged.

### **Cydymdeimlo**

Rydym yn cydymdeimlo gyda Mrs Beryl Williams a'r teulu ar farwolaeth ei mam sef Mrs Jenny Thomas. Hefyd rydym yn cydymdeimlo gyda Mr Terrence Jenkins, Wendy, Wayne a'u teuluoedd ar farwolaeth Mrs Eirwen Jenkins. Fe fu Eirwen am flynyddoedd yn gogyddes yn Ysgol Llanddarog.

Bydded iddynt orffwys mewn hedd.

### **Llongyfarchiadau**

Llongyfarchiadau i Steffan Rees, Dwylan, am gwmhwysio fel heddwes gyda Heddlu Dyfed Powys.

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## **CHURCH WEBSITE**

Remember that if you have any articles you would like to put on the website, please send them to Margaret Rees at reesmargaret@outlook.com. Take some time to look at the website, in the language of your choice:

**[www.eglwysllanddarog.org](http://www.eglwysllanddarog.org)** and **[www.llanddarogchurch.org](http://www.llanddarogchurch.org)**

## **New Year Family Fun at St. Twrog's Church, Llanddarog**

After an excellent autumn term of activities ranging from Noah and his ark, Jonah and the whale and the story of The Wind and the Sun, we ended with our preparations for Christmas and the annual Crib Service. Each session saw good attendance and several children have earned themselves a free trip to Folly Farm for 100% attendance.

In the spring term we shall continue our workshops on the first Saturday of every month from **11am until 12.30 inside the Church...** Children and young people from three to fourteen years will be able to enjoy a variety of art, craft, cookery, music, treasure hunts and dance activities! The themes will be as follows and we are including the dates of special Family services:

Saturday 10 January - Epiphany Workshop – the arrival of the Three Kings

Sunday 1 February – Christingle Service at **10am** in Church

Saturday 7 February - Moses in the bulrushes workshop morning

Saturday 7 March - Our visit to Folly Farm (more details nearer the time)

Sunday 15 March – Mothering Sunday Service in Church at **9.30am**

Friday 3 April – Good Friday walk in the footsteps of Jesus in the Botanic Garden from **2pm until 3pm** (The last hour with our Lord). Light refreshments to follow!

Parents and carers are most welcome at these events and you can join in with activities or enjoy a peaceful cup of coffee and a chat!

For further details please contact: Helen Beynon (01267 275623), Daphne Evans (01267 275666) or Mrs Jean Voyle Williams M.B.E (01267 275222).

*Daphne Evans*

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### ***A Christmas Message***

#### **GIVE THE FOLLOWING GIFTS:**

*To your enemy . . .forgiveness,*

*To your opponent . . .tolerance.*

*To a friend . . . your heart.*

*To a customer . . . service.*

*To all men . . .charity.*

*To every child . . . a good example*

*To yourself . . .respect*

-Author Unknown

## Taking Christianity to Kosovo

I don't suppose many of you were getting up at 4.15 on the morning after Palm Sunday, but we were. We were heading to Luton Airport with our daughter Helena, her husband Andy, two small sons and parents-in-law to set them on the physical journey to their new life in Kosovo, a mainly Muslim country. They have spent the last few years asking God for guidance as to where they could best serve Him, and much mental and spiritual preparation had led to this departure.

We must have been a strange sight; six adults, seven huge (32kg.) holdalls, a couple of cabin bags, one toddler's car seat, and Samuel in a buggy with Jacob holding on to the side, alighting from the transfer bus from the car park just in time to witness a spectacular sunrise as a backdrop to departing planes. We arranged ourselves in an orderly formation and headed into the terminal to join the back of an enormous queue, shortly after 6 a.m., not a time we've seen since morning newspaper days. We stood in line feeding jam sandwiches to the boys as we slowly shuffled forward. Most of the bags were too big for the chute at the check in desk, so after dropping off some of them, we had to head to the 'oversize baggage' department where we deposited the rest and the car seat. Our steps were getting slower because we all realised the moment of separation was coming closer. Fortunately, much of the crying had been done in private the day before, so we were able to say our goodbyes more easily, but no less painfully, and by unspoken consent made them as brief as possible, as we did not want to upset the boys with lots of tears.

They arrived in Skopje, Macedonia, before we made it back home, and were met by friends to transport them across the border to Ferijaz in Kosovo. They had been warned that there might be problems at the border with so much luggage, but after somehow explaining that they were moving in, not just holidaying, and that the bags contained much of their possessions, they were waved through.

They have joined a missionary team working through an organisation called Pioneers, and are staying in the house of one of the team members who was then on a year's sabbatical at home in the U.S.A.. The fledgling Christian congregation in Ferijaz, as you might expect, is a lovely group of people, who kept the newcomers supplied with food for their first few days and helped with things like car insurance (car on loan with the house) and finding a fuse for the washing machine.

Their main task at the moment is to learn Albanian, the local language, as very few people in the area speak English. Helena and Andy feel they are not learning fast enough, although after only seven weeks they were already able to make themselves understood in the local shops. Andy walks to the baker each morning for fresh bread, and Bashkim the baker has taken him to the barber, and invited the whole family for tea and a tour of the bakery, with

the two sides having very little common language.

If we'd managed to find time in our busy life as retirees, all the above would have been in an earlier edition of Tafod Twrog. Helena and family have now been in Kosovo for more than six months and we have recently been for a visit.

Unfortunately there has been a series of problems with visas, so officially they are still tourists and need to make the hour long journey to Macedonia every three months to get a new entry stamp on their passports in order to return to live in Kosovo. This is a good excuse to visit Skopje, a much more modern city, and some of the attractions it has to offer. We can recommend its zoo, (even if we're more accustomed to seeing our sheep in fields); just the right size for little legs.

The American family returned in August and for a while they all shared the house together as it has plenty of space. The intention had been for both families to move on together to another town to try to plant a church there, but a member of their congregation from the area thought such a large influx (four adults, three children) of foreigners would be viewed with suspicion, so Helena and family are staying put for a while, and the others moved on just as we arrived for our visit.

The Church meets every Sunday in a room on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of a modern block in the town, a 25 minute walk from where they live. We accompanied them to a service and were warmly greeted by all. If you have ever found it difficult to maintain concentration during a service, imagine how we felt in an Albanian one. Fortunately an English bible was found in time for the sermon, so we could follow the many references, and one of the Americans interpreted it for us. We were a bit puzzled by her frequent use of the phrase 'my father says', thinking 'our' would be a better choice, until we remembered that she was the daughter of the chap preaching and so was referring to his words and not those of a higher authority!

Helena and Andy seem to be doing well with their language studies, and were excellent guides and interpreters during our stay. The boys both attend a local nursery school, and although Jacob can count very well in Albanian, does not utter much else, although I suspect he understands a lot. He seems the least settled, as, at four, he is old enough to remember and miss family & friends in the U.K. Samuel is still in the land of baby noises, and has a repertoire of sounds and gestures which he uses to convey meaning, but has at least one word of Albanian, calling out 'buke' whenever he passes a bakery. He uses the same word in English when he wants a story, as it is pronounced like 'book'.

We'll visit again next year, and they will be over here in May, but in the meantime we'll have to rely on emails and Skype on the computer.

*Kate & Rob Jones*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(for details of the monthly pattern of services, please see the back page)

### January

#### **4 Sunday, Christmas 2**

9.30am Celebrating Epiphany in Word, Music and Communion

No evening service

#### **6 Tuesday**

10.00am Epiphany Eucharist

#### **8 Thursday**

7.30pm Mothers Union Dinner at The Baltic, Ponthenry

#### **10 Saturday**

11.00am – 12.30pm Clwb Iau Epiphany Workshop

#### **11 Sunday, Epiphany 1**

11.00am Holy Communion (*English*)

5.00pm Gwasanaeth Y Plygain (*Welsh*)

#### **18 Sunday Epiphany 2**

9.30am Holy Communion (*English*)

2.30pm Informal Worship in the Botanic Garden

#### **20 Tuesday**

7.00pm Cytun Service at Saron Chapel Llanarthne (*Bilingual*)

#### **21 Wednesday**

10.00am Cytun Service Holy Communion at St David's Church.  
Llanarthne (*Bilingual*)

#### **22 Thursday**

10.00am Cytun Service at Capel Seion (*Bilingual*)

#### **23 Friday**

10.00am Cytun Service Capel y Dolau Llanarthne (*Bilingual*)

#### **25 Sunday Conversion of St Paul, Epiphany 3**

9.30am Holy Communion (*Welsh*)

11.00am Matins (*English*)

### February

#### **1 Sunday, Epiphany 4**

10.00am Christingle Service with Holy Communion (*Bilingual*)

No evening service

#### **7 Saturday**

11.00am - 2.30pm Clwb Iau Workshop Moses in the Bulrushes

#### **8 Second Sunday before Lent, Creation Sunday**

11.00am Boreol Weddi (*Welsh*)

5.00pm Holy Communion (*English*)

#### **12 Thursday Mothers Union**

7.00pm Claire Williams

#### **15 Sunday before Lent, Transfiguration Sunday**

9.30am Holy Communion (*English*)

2.30pm Informal Service in the Botanic garden

#### **18 Ash Wednesday**

7.00pm Holy Communion (*Bilingual*)

#### **22 Sunday, Lent 1**

9.30am Cymun Bendigaid (*Welsh*)

11.00am Matins (*English*)

No evening service

**23 Monday**

7.00 pm Lenten meditation (jointly with Capel Newydd) at Capel Newydd

**March**

**1 Sunday, St David's Day**

9.30 am Holy Communion to celebrate our Patron Saint David (*Welsh*)

10.30 am (Tea, Coffee and Welsh cakes)

Both congregations to join for fellowship

11.15am Holy Communion to celebrate our Patron Saint David (*English*)

No evening service

**2 Monday**

7.00pm Lenten meditation (Jointly with Capel Newydd) at St Twrog

**7 Saturday**

Clwb Iau – Visit to Folly Farm

**8 Sunday, Lent 3**

11.00am Boreol Weddi (*Welsh*)

5.00pm Holy Communion (*English*)

**9 Monday**

7.00pm Lenten meditation (Jointly with Capel Newydd) at Capel Newydd

**12 Thursday**

7.00pm Mothers Union

**15 Sunday Lent 4, Mothering Sunday**

9.30am Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday service (*Bilingual*))

No other service

**16 Monday**

7.00pm Lenten meditation (jointly with Capel Newydd) at St Twrog

**22 Sunday, Passion Sunday**

9.30am Holy Communion (*Welsh*)

11am Matins (*English*)

**23 Monday**

7.00pm Lenten meditation (jointly with Capel Newydd) at Capel Newydd

**25 Wednesday, The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

10.00am Holy Communion (*Bilingual*)

**29 Sunday, Palm Sunday**

10.00am Joint Communion (*Bilingual*) at St David's Church, Llanarthne

No evening Service

**April**

**3 Maundy Thursday**

7.00pm Holy Communion (*Bilingual*)

**4 Good Friday**

2.00pm The last hour with Jesus at the Botanic Garden

**5 Easter Sunday**

6.00am (exact time to be confirmed)

Sunrise service at the Church new graveyard  
with breakfast to follow in Church

9.30am Cymun Bendigaid (*Welsh*)

11.00am Holy Communion (*English*)

No other services

**(These dates and times might change due to the formation of the new Ministry Area)**

## DYDDIADAU I'CH DYDDIADAUR

(am batrwm y gwasanaethau drwy'r mis, gweler y dudalen olaf)

### Ionawr

#### 4 Dydd Sul, Nadolig 2

9.30yb Dathlu'r Ystwyll mewn gair, miwsig a Chymun  
Dim gwasanaeth yn yr hwyr

#### 6 Dydd Mawrth

10.00yb Cymun Yr Ystwyll

#### 8 Thursday

7.30yh Cinio Undeb y Mamau yn Y Baltic, Ponthenry

#### 10 Dydd Sadwrn

11.00yb – 12.30yp Clwb Iau - Yr Ystwyll

#### 11 Dydd Sul, Ystwyll 1

11.00yb Cymun Bendigaid (*Saesneg*)  
5.00yh Gwasanaeth Y Plygain (*Cymraeg*)

#### 18 Dydd Sul, Ystwyll 2

9.30yb Cymun Bendigaid (*Saesneg*)  
2.30yp Gwasanaeth anffurfiol yn yr Ardd Fotaneg

#### 20 Dydd Mawrth

7.00yh Gwasanaeth Cytun yng Nghapel Saron Llanarthne (*Dwyieithog*)

#### 21 Dydd Mercher

10.00yb Gwasanaeth Cytun Cymun Bendigaid yn  
Eglwys Dewi Sant Llanarthne (*Dwyieithog*)

#### 22 Dydd Iau

10.00yb Gwasanaeth Cytun yng Nghapel Seion (*Dwyieithog*)

#### 23 Dydd Gwener

10.00yb Gwasanaeth Cytun yng Nghapel y Dolau Llanarthne (*Dwyieithog*)

#### 25 Dydd Sul, Troedigaeth Sant Paul, Ystwyll 3

9.30yb Cymun Bendigaid (*Cymraeg*)  
11.00yb Boreol Weddi (*Saesneg*)

### Chwefror

#### 1 Dydd Sul, Ystwyll 4

10.00yb Gwasanaeth Cristingl gyda'r Cymun Bendigaid (*Dwyieithog*)  
Dim gwasanaeth yn yr hwyr

#### 7 Dydd Sadwrn

11.00yb – 12.30yp Clwb Iau – Stori Moses

#### 8 Ail Sul cyn y Garawys, Sul y Greadigaeth

11.00yb Boreol Weddi (*Cymraeg*)  
5.00yh Cymun Bendigaid (*Saesneg*)

#### 12 Dydd Iau Undeb y Mamau

7.00yh Claire Williams

#### 15 Sul o flaen y Garawys, Sul y Gweddnewidiad

9.30yb Cymun Bendigaid (*Saesneg*)  
2.30yp Gwasanaeth anffurfiol yn yr Ardd Fotaneg

#### 18 Dydd Mercher y LLudw

7.00yh Cymun Bendigaid (*Dwyieithog*)

#### 22 Dydd Sul, Garawys 1

9.30yb Cymun Bendigaid (*Cymraeg*)  
11.00yb Boreol Weddi (*Saesneg*)

Dim gwasanaeth yn yr hwyr

#### 23 Dydd Llun

7.00yh Myfyrdod y Garawys gyda aelodau Capel Newydd (Cwrdd yng  
Nghapel Newydd)

## Mawrth

### 1 Dydd Gwyl Ddewi

9.30 yb Cymun Bendigaid i ddathlu Dydd ein Nawddsant Dewi (*Cymraeg*)  
10.30 yb (Te, Coffi a Pice ar y man)  
Y ddwy gynulleidfa i ddod i gymdeithasu

11.15yb Cymu Bendigaid i ddathlu ein Nawddsant Dewi (*Saesneg*)

Dim gwasaneth yn yr hwyr

### 2 Dydd Llun

7.00yh Myfyrdod Y Garawys (gyda aelodau Capel Newydd)  
Yn Eglwys Sant Twrog

### 7 Dydd Sadwrn

Clwb Iau - Ymweld a Folly Farm

### 8 Dydd Sul, Garawys 3

11.00yb Boreol Weddi (*Cymraeg*)  
5.00yh Cymun Bendigaid (*Saesneg*)

### 9 Dydd Llun

7.00yh Myfyrdod Y Garawys (gyda aelodau Capel Newydd)  
yng Nghapel Newydd

### 12 Dydd Iau

7.00yh Undeb y Mamau

### 15 Dydd Sul, Garawys 4, Sul Y Fam

9.30 yb Cymun Bendigaid (*Dwyieithog*)

Dim gwasanaeth yn yr hwyr

### 16 Dydd Llun

7.00yh Myfyrdod y Garawys (gyda aelodau Capel Newydd)  
yn Eglwys Sant Twrog

### 22 Sul Y Dioddefaint

9.30yb Cymun Bendigaid (*Cymraeg*)  
11.00yb Boreol Weddi (*Saesneg*)

### 23 Dydd Llun

7.00yh Myfyrdod y Garawys (gyda aelodau Capel Newydd)  
yng Nghapel Newydd

### 25 Dydd Mercher Cyhoeddi ein Harglwydd i Fair Forwyn Fendigaid

10.00yb Cymun Bendigaid (*Dwyieithog*)

### 29 Sul Y Blodau

10.00yb Cymun Bendigaid ar y cyd gyda aelodau  
Eglwys Llanarthne yn Eglwys Dewi Sant Llanarthne

Dim gwasanaeth yn yr hwyr

## Ebrill

### 3 Dydd Iau Cablyd

7.00yh Cymun Bendigaid (*Dwyieithog*)

### 4 Dydd Gwener y Groglith

2.00yp Yr awr olaf gyda'r Iesu yn yr Ardd Fotaneg

### 5 Sul Y Pasg

6.00yb (Cadarnhau yr amser yn agosach at y digwyddiad) Gwasaneth codiad  
haul yn y fynwent newydd a brecwast i ddilyn yn yr Eglwys

9.30yb Cymun Bendigaid (*Cymraeg*)

11.00yb Cymun Bendigaid (*Saesneg*)

Dim gwasanaeth arall

**(Gall y dyddiadau a'r amserau newid oherwydd y trefniadau newydd)**

## Mothers' Union ~ Undeb y Mamau

Our September meeting was a celebration of Holy Communion followed by a business meeting to discuss our activities for the year ahead. Nia had put together a quiz to test us in the October meeting. It was amazing how much we had known or should have known, and had forgotten! The 4 teams became quite competitive. There was a winner, but we all enjoyed the taking part. November was an open meeting to hear about Vilna's trip, (following the Scarlets), to South Africa earlier in the year. Photographs, facts, interesting stories and her obvious enjoyment of the whole experience made it a most enjoyable evening.

There was no meeting in December (due to everyone's involvement in the church production of "Journey to Bethlehem"), but Llanddarog hosted the Deanery Advent carol service on 8<sup>th</sup> December, which was very well attended. Readings were given by members of the different branches, the intercessions by Canon Brian Witt. Jean gave the address and Archdeacon Roger Hughes the blessing. Rev. Leigh Richardson was also present. Our members served tea and mince pies and Wendy Evans, Deanery leader thanked everyone who had taken part and contributed to a successful event.

Our meetings for the next quarter are:-

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| 9 <sup>th</sup> January   | Annual Dinner at The Baltic  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> February | The Paralympics, Claire Williams<br>Hostesses Marion Little and Gill Lewis |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> March    | Canon Patrick Thomas<br>Hostesses Angela Knott and Margaret Morris         |

We meet in church at 7pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month unless stated otherwise, and new members are very welcome, enquiries to Jean Voyle, Tel 01267 275222, or just come along.

I attended the Diocesan Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Brenda Evans, President, welcomed everyone and Canon Witt said Opening Prayers. Minutes, matters arising and correspondence were discussed. Nottinghamshire extended a welcome to members to the General meeting to be held there on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

The first speaker, Rev. Dr. Jennie Annis, pictured in the photograph in Teulu Non of the Bishops of St. Davids and Bukavu signing the Link Agreement, spoke of how she became involved 20 years ago, the situation, with 30 years of continuing warfare killing more than the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World wars together and rape as a weapon of war. She and her husband go there for months at a time living as the people do. She spoke of a prayerful people who hold the MU in high esteem. There is poverty and cholera with millions of people living in a city built for 8,000, but they feel safer as the rebels do not go into town. With no NHS, beds, sheets, food and medication have to be paid for upfront and, when possible, in an emergency the MU will pick up

the bill. In Bukavu her day starts at 6am. with school at 7am, MU prayers at 9am, then sewing school and carpentry in the Cathedral, this way the people are able to earn money. She also teaches English and her day finishes at about 10pm. She and her husband fund themselves. Members were so moved and impressed that a collection was made during lunch of nearly £300. There is more information in Teulu Non.

Peter Loughran from Age Cymru told us of all the help, advice and information they can provide to the over 50s, such as handymen, computers and power of attorney. Tel. 01554 784080. After lunch the Vice Presidents gave their reports. Heather Witt expressed thanks to all those who had knitted sheep for the Christmas trails, which would be in Carmarthen, Trostre, Aberystwyth and Haverfordwest. Look out for them.

The Wave of Prayer will have a new format and new links. It will take place between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Mari Thomas is still looking for recipes, needed by 1<sup>st</sup> January to be published in June.

AFIA has given 7 holidays this year, but prices have risen, particularly in school holidays. They can usually give 8 but it is down to 5, with 2 gone for Easter 2015.

MU is concerned about Domestic abuse and wishes to help the Women's Refuge with emergency toilet bags filled with essential toiletries. If you have any unwanted toiletries this Christmas, you know what to do.

During her address Brenda mentioned the ageing membership, but there are 54 new members in the Diocese. They are hoping to meet with the new ordinands in 2015 to explain what MU is about. Trustees are looking at the new Deanery boundaries. Special arrangements are being made for the Open Day in Mary Sumner House in 2015. Lyn Tenby the World Wide President will be visiting for a week from 13<sup>th</sup> July to meet clergy and indoor members. The General Meeting will be in Wales in 2018.

The June 2015 Council meeting will be in Llandysul.

Barbara Quick

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“I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys.” ~Charles Dickens

“I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.” ~ Charles Dickens

## **St David's Diocese and Bukavu Diocese**

Bukavu is situated on the eastern border of the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Diocese stretches from the shores of Lake Edward in the north, the shores of Lake Kivu at its centre and Lake Tanganika in the South and is bordered by Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania and is three times the size of Wales. Although the diocese is divided in two, North Kivu and South Kivu for administrative purposes it only has three archdeaconries, Goma, Bukavu and Tanganika with Bishop Bahati living in Bukavu.

Bukavu was originally built as a holiday destination for the ruling Belgians and built for a population of approximately 8000, today it is home to over two million, but without improved or updated infrastructure. Throughout the city and the rest of the diocese evidence of the ongoing 20 year war is everywhere, drawing people to move into the city for safety, causing serious slum conditions with very little sanitation and clean water.

The most active and innovative organisation demonstrating Mission Through Action is the Mothers Union whom Rt Revd Michael Scott-Joynt calls the "back-bone" of the Congolese Church. The Mothers Union has set up sewing schools throughout the diocese where illiterate women and girls, many who have been raped by the rebels and disowned by their families are given a basic education along with sewing techniques to enable them to support their children. The Mothers Union also provide food and clothing for those in prison or hospital and the destitute due to rebel action.

The diocese has a Theology school in each of its archdeaconries which are held on a part time basis and taught by the few clergy who have theology degrees to educate new ordinands. The diocese has also set up and encourages its priests to build water projects using existing buildings to collect water and to encourage small businesses in their parishes.

There is a close link between the diocese of Bukavu and St David's and this has developed as a result to the work of Revd Dr Jennie Annis. She and her husband have been visiting Bukavu bi-annually for 18 years and teaching in the Mothers Union Sewing and Carpentry Schools, the Theology school, the Church primary and secondary schools and also taking services at Muhumba Parish Church. They also instigated the Congo Project. To date the Project has paid the school fees for 6 young people from primary school through to university graduation, and continues to pay school fees for twelve children each year. One Medical School graduate spent six months in Pembrokeshire, taking part in a project at Wityhush Hospital.

The Project has sent two containers of aid in the form of computers for the schools and diocesan offices, books, clothes, household goods, sewing and knitting machines for use by the Mothers Union and carpentry tools. The project also hosted visits to St David's of Bishop Bahati and the Dean of Bukavu Cathedral, Revd Jules Bulumba.

Three Primary Schools in St David's Diocese now have a link with primary schools in Bukavu Diocese and it is hoped that more schools will link in the future. After Bishop Bahati's visit to Llanddarog School in October there is strong interest amongst the pupils to link with one of the primary schools in the diocese.

It is also hoped that parishes from this diocese will link with parishes in Bukavu. This will promote the spiritual wellbeing of both dioceses and enable people in St David's to share their talents with the people of Bukavu and vice versa. It is hoped that the children of each diocese will learn from each other the cultures of each country bringing mutual respect and understanding. Everyone benefits from prayer and it is such a powerful link. One parishioner from Muhumba commented "Your gifts are heaven sent but to know that someone, somewhere is praying for you personally is not just heaven sent but God Given".

Maybe for us in Llanddarog linking to one of the parishes in the Diocese of Bukavu is something we should seriously consider. Think about it.

*Jean Voyle Williams*



*My sincere apologies to Barbara, who sent me this item for the last Tafod Twrog in plenty of time, but alas it was lost in my computer!*

***Margaret Rees, Editor***

### **Open Church**

Our season of Open Church finishes at the end of September, so a big THANK YOU to those who have given their time to welcome visitors to church on Fridays and Saturdays since April. Your presence has been appreciated by the visitors, just read the comments in the book. Ideally it would be good to just open the church every day without the need for volunteers. I realise that it can seem pointless on a rainy afternoon if no one comes, but it is part of the church's mission and can be a relaxing few hours if you have a good book and a good companion, or use it to catch up with some work, as I am, writing this article for Tafod Twrog!!

We have been lucky with visitors on most of our stints. One Saturday we had 16 (we thought a coach had arrived) and when we were leaving at 3.30 pm another couple arrived. We had someone from America and a couple who have lived in Portugal for 10 years but are renting locally with the intention of buying here (potential members?). It has been interesting.

Please find a few minutes to look at the visitors book to see the variety of places they came from and their comments, including the schools which came to the Pentecost Experience.

*Barbara Quick*

## Newyddion Ysgol Llanddarog

Wrth fwrw golwg yn ôl ar ddiwedd tymor cyntaf y flwyddyn ysgol, dyma ychydig o hanes digwyddiadau mwyaf diweddar yr ysgol.

Cafwyd nifer o ymweliadau yn gysylltiedig â themau'r tymor gan ddechrau gyda'r Cyfnod Sylfaen yn ymweld ag Orsaf Dàn Caerfyrddin – ymweliad oedd yn ymwneud a'r thema '*Cofiwch, Cofiwch*', ac Amgueddfa Caerfyrddin i ddysgu mwy am fywyd plentyn ysgol Oes Fictoria. Aeth disgyblion Blwyddyn 3 a 4 am dro i Barc Dinefwr i ddysgu am blanhigion, coed a bywyd gwyllt y goedwig yn dilyn eu thema '*Y Goedwig Wyllt*' a disgyblion 5 a 6 ar waith maes ar lannau afon Gwili ger Pontabram ar gyfer eu gwaith '*Troi a Llifo*' ar afonydd.

Bu nifer o ddisgyblion yn cynrychioli'r ysgol yng Ngala Nofio'r Urdd Gorllewin Myrddin, a gynhaliwyd yn y Ganolfan Hamdden ar ddechrau mis Tachwedd. Llongyfarchiadau i Carys Lewis am ennill y Ras Nofio Cefn Blynnydoedd 3 a 4. Mae hyn yn dipyn o gamp, gan fod nifer fawr o blant yn cystadlu a'r safon yn uchel iawn. Bydd Carys nawr yn cynrychioli'r ysgol a Rhanbarth Gorllewin Myrddin yng Ngala Nofio Cenedlaethol yr Urdd a gaiff ei gynnal yng Nghaerdydd ym mis Ionawr. Dymunwn y gorau iddi.

Un o hoff ddigwyddiadau y disgyblion bob blwyddyn yw Diwrnod Plant Mewn Angen. I godi arian eleni fe wisgodd y disgyblion fel arwyr o'u dewis a gwerthwyd cacennau bach ac ysgythaeth yn ystod y dydd. Codwyd swm da iawn o £239.

Cynhaliwyd ein Ffair Nadolig ar nos Iau, 27ain o Dachwedd a bu Sion Corn yn brysur iawn yn ei groto drwy'r nos. Diolch i aelodau'r Cymdeithas Cyfeillion a'r holl rieni am eu gwaith caled a'u brwdfrydedd i wneud y noson yn un mor llwyddiannus ac i bawb a gefnogodd.

Er i ni weld eisiau y ficer wedi'i ymddeoliad yn ein gwasanaethau ar fore dydd Mawrth, diolchwn ar yr un pryd am gyfraniad aelodau'r Eglwys sydd yn ymweld ac yn cadw y cysylltiad agos â'r disgyblion yn wythnosol. Diolch i Mrs Jean Voyle Williams, Miss Vilna Thomas, Mrs Eirwen Williams a Mrs Myfanwy Rees am eu cyfraniadau sydd mor bwysig a gwerthfawr bob dydd Mawrth.

Yn ôl yr arfer, roedd diwedd tymor yn gyfnod prysur iawn i'r disgyblion gyda'r dathliadau Nadolig. Braff oedd gweld felly yr Eglwys yn llawn ar nos Iau, 4ydd o Ragfyr, wrth iddynt gyflwyno stori'r geni yn eu Gwasanaeth Nadolig. Diolch i Mrs Jean Voyle Williams am groesawu pawb ar ddechrau'r oedfa. Casglwyd £400 tuag at Gilgerran, Ward y Plant, Ysbyty Glangwili.

## CATS

In our Church and in Capel Newydd we have a lot of cat lovers and that is why I decided to research a little into the lives of Cats. Since Jean and myself were the prime carers of Molly Rees (Mrs Jean Rees's cat, late of Erw Lon) who had a care plan at Cartref Annwyl Fan, one can see the deep affection that people have towards their cats.

I share with you a few facts about CATS

- Cats have the largest eyes (in terms of relative size) of any mammal
- It has been argued that cats are near-sighted and there is a common myth that cats can't see colour. In fact, cats respond to purple, blue, green and yellow colour ranges. The colours red, orange and brown most likely appear as shades of grey to them. No wonder Pws Coch with us always likes the colour of Advent and Lent in the Church calendar and we always claim that if he had a vote it would be Plaid Cymru (the colour green, as he only listens to Welsh on the radio and on television. He becomes quite irritated when we switch to the BBC. If Ken (my late father in law) was alive the blue most probably would have a significance.
- Cats hearing, like their vision, is also superior to humans. They can hear sounds that we can't.
- Cats have about 24 movable whiskers, although some may have more. The whiskers are extremely sensitive, full of nerve endings that provide cats with information about the air around them and anything they touch. The whiskers, like the tail and ears, can also be an indicator of mood.
- Cats sleep on average for 16 hours a day.
- It has been proven that stroking a cat can lower your blood pressure.
- Do cats always land on their feet? This is a widely held belief, but this is not always the case. Cats have a reflex that allows them to twist their body. Cats will always land on their feet, if they have time to do so.
- The most popular cat names in the UK are: Molly, Felix, Smudge, Sooty, Oscar, Alfie, and Charlie.
- In Wales we tend to be more original and look closely at the nature of the cat. We have in this area cats that are called Colsyn Gwenllian Thomas, Kiti and Blondi Skym, Pws blac, Mother, Fflwff, Twm, and Marmalade.
- Famous owners and their alternative cat names are as follows: Frank Bruno - Del Boy; Winston Churchill - Jock and Mr Cat; Charles Dickens - The Master's Cat; TS Eliot - Jellylorum; Florence Nightingale - Jock and Margate. The cat in number 10 Downing Street is Larry the Minister of Mousing.

Someone once said “Dogs have owners. Cats have staff”

Cat owners are 24% less stressed than dog owners, according to a recent survey by the Cats Protection League.

For us, the Welsh, cats are very important as it was Hywel Dda who passed legislation making it illegal to kill or harm a cat.

It is said that the average lifespan of a cat is 14 years, however the oldest cat lived to 25 years.

To calculate the age of a cat it works out like this: The first year of a cat's life is about the equivalent to 15 human years, and their second year is about the same as 9 human years. After these two years, a cat ages four human years for every cat year (roughly). So a cat who makes it to 20 is equivalent of a 96 year old human. At present Pws Coch is the same age as Auriol 88 years, and I can't work it out who needs the most attention. The only thing that I will say is that that they are both so good for their age and I put that down to determination and having the right outlook on life.

There are numerous stories about famous people and their cats. Apparently Winston Churchill was a huge fan of cats. He owned several cats, including Nelson, a black cat that sat in a chair next to Churchill in both the Cabinet and dining rooms; Jock - a ginger kitten that Churchill called his “special assistant” and was mentioned in his will, Blackie, Bob, Margate (black stray) and Mr Cat.

There is a story about Faith the Church cat. During the Second World War, a fearless tabby cat called Faith received a PDSA Silver Medal for bravery in caring for her kitten Panda. A few years earlier, the stray cat had become an honorary member of St Faith and ST Augustine's church (near St Paul's Cathedral). The night of the raid, the priest had tried removing the cats, but Faith returned to her safe place within the church. During the raid, many homes near the church itself were virtually destroyed, but Faith and her kitten were miraculously found safe and sound. Soon after they had been rescued, the church's roof caved in. To mark Faith's bravery, a plaque was erected in the church, part of it reading: “On Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1940, she endured horrors and perils beyond the power of words to tell. Shielding her kitten in a sort of recess in the house (a spot she selected three days before the tragedy occurred), she sat the whole frightful night of bombing and fire, guarding her little kitten”

We can all learn so much about caring for one another and from the animal kingdom.

It was Emily Bronte that said “I can say with sincerity that I like cats. A cat is an animal which has more human feeling than almost any other”

*Huw Voyle Williams*

**Bowlio Dan Do Llanddarog Indoor Bowls.**

Practice on Thursdays in the village hall from 7 to 9 pm in School Term time. League games are played on Tuesdays. New members welcome. Enquiries to Lewis Jones 275593.

**Ciwb Cinio/Luncheon Club.**

Last Tuesday in the month. Yn fisol ar y dydd Mawrth olaf. 1pm Prince of Wales, Porthyrhyd.

**Ciwb Hamdden yr Henoed/Leisure Club**

Our October meeting was a harvest celebration with Dr Carol Williams leading. The £200 collection was presented to Mrs Gill Richardson, the Chair of the Carmarthen Macmillan Nurses Fundraising Committee, at our November meeting

In November, the centenary of World War I, Mr. Gavin Evans, Carmarthenshire Museum Curator, gave an illustrated talk on the many posters held at Abergwili which were donated by Mr Eyre Evans and other items found in the museum. Gavin also spoke of a successful two year project to identify the sitters in oil paintings held in our museums, which is backed by Cymro and the Lottery Fund. (Further details on the BBC website).

From 17<sup>th</sup> November we enjoyed a convivial five days at the Celtic Royal Hotel in Caernarvon. We visited Anglesey with three stops at Oriel Ynys Mon, Llangefni, Llanfairpwll... and Beaumaris, with lovely views across to Snowdonia. In Chester on Wednesday we had time to explore the Roman foundations of Chester or to shop till you drop! Thursday it was Betws Y Coed where the Bubble Shop demonstrated producing large rainbow bubbles erupting across the green illuminated by the sun - magical! The hotel provided us with all we needed, a good bed and facilities excellent food, entertainment and staff with a ready smile. The weather was wonderful and it wasn't until we were approaching Aberystwyth on the return journey that rain dampened our day but not our spirits. We were sad that Angela and John could not be with us but Vilna updated us daily and sent them our very best wishes.

The annual Christmas Luncheon on the 2nd December was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Good food supplied by Lesley and the Prince of Wales staff, music by Graham, a visit from Father Christmas. Huw Voyle Williams as our President, now celebrating 40yrs in the office, thanked the officers and committee for the continued success of the society with the hope that Angela as our chairperson will be back with us in the new year.

Dewch, ymunwch, rydyn yn gwmni llon. Remember, we meet on the first Tuesday of every month at Y Neuadd Fach. Come and join us. We are a very happy bunch. Contact Marion Little 275507

**Knit and Natter**

A knit and natter group was started in September, with sessions being hosted in different group members' houses on the first and third Thursday of each month. We've already knitted a Last Supper scene and are currently working on knitted daffodils for St David's Day plus balaclavas for seamen and blankets for the premature baby unit in Glangwili. Meetings are held in members' houses so please look at the rota to see where we will be next. The first session of the new year will be on 15 January at Anne Davies's home in Cefneithin. Ask Margaret Rees for further information on 01267 275479.

## **YFC/CFFI Llanddarog**

Er bod yr Haf yn gyfnod o seibiant i Glwb Ffermwyr Ifanc Llanddarog, bu nifer o aelodau'r clwb yn brysur wrth gynorthwyo ag amryw ddogwyddiadau cymdeithasol dros gyfnod y gwyliau.

Ar ddydd Sadwrn y 28ain o Fehefin, braf oedd medru cwrdd â nifer o gyn-aelodau, ffrindiau ac aelodau presennol o'r Clwb Ffermwyr Ifanc ar faes Sioe Llanddarog. Unwaith eto eleni fe wnaeth y C.Ff.I gynnal stondin ar y maes, a bu cystadlaethau'r stondin yn llwyddiant mawr. Llongyfarchiadau mawr i bawb a fuodd yn llwyddiannus yn yr amryw o gystadlaethau. Roedd yna nifer o gystadlaethau wedi'i threfnu megis enwi'r tedi a Phlycio'r hwyaden.

Cynhaliwyd helpa drysor hynod lwyddiannus ar nos Wener Medi'r 5ed, daeth nifer o unigolion ynghyd i gystadlu, a llongyfarchiadau mawr i 'Angylion Nicholas' am ddod yn fuddugol. Ar ran holl aelodau'r C.Ff.I garwn ddiolch yn fawr iawn i Mrs Meinir Davies am drefnu'r noson.

Wedi seibiant yr Haf, y mae C.Ff.I Llanddarog wedi ail-gychwyn yn swyddogol, ac rydym fel aelodau yn edrych ymlaen at dymor prysur iawn! Bydd y Clwb yn cwrdd bob nos Lun am tua 7yh yn Neuadd Llanddarog – croeso mawr iawn i bawb!

Cysylltwch â Lowri Isaac am wybodaeth pellach : 07973239170

## **Llanddarog Show**

The Annual General Meeting held in November was chaired by Mrs Kim Davies, the President for the 2014 Show. The retiring Chairman Mr Elwyn Thomas thanked all those involved and despite the concerns about the change of date from the usual August to the last Saturday in June the show had been a success. The Treasurer reported that a concerted effort was required to make the show a financial success. Funds from the raffle and auction held at the Annual Dinner raised a sum of £2,500.00 to be donated to the Neurosurgery Department at the Heath Hospital, Cardiff. Over the last 3 years the Show Committee has donated £4,900.00 to charities of the President's choice for that year. Mrs Llinos Jones was elected as Chairperson and Mr Emyr Williams as Vice-chairman. The Committee are now preparing for the 2015 Show and would welcome any suggestions for new classes.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30 at the Village Hall. If you would like some more information please contact Mrs Clare John on 07712654997 or any committee member.

## **Merched y Wawr.**

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| 21 Ionawr   | Janet Knott  |
| 18 Chwefror | Geraint a Rhiannon Roberts   |
| 18 Mawrth   | Pawb â'i Farn, Panelwyr: Catrin Beard,4<br>Non Vaughan Williams a Aled Evans |

(Cysylltwch â Mair 275207 neu Gwenda 275271)

### **Neuadd y Pentre Llanddarog Village Hall**

Addas ar gyfer pob math o weithgareddau yn y Brif Neuadd, cegin hwylus, ystafell gefn ar gyfer gweithgareddau llai o faint maes parcio eang. Looking for a place to hold an event, then Llanddarog Village Hall is the place with a main hall, a committee room, a spacious kitchen and a large car park. Cysylltwch/Contact: Vilna Thomas 01267 275372

### **Wishes for Stitches**

Meetings are in the committee room of the Village Hall, Llanddarog. All are welcome - we do all sorts of stitching crafts— sewing, embroidery, cross stitch, quilting. It's a great opportunity to learn from others and to socialise. We charge only £1.50 per session, i.e. between 2 and 4 on the third Tuesday in the month, to cover the costs of hiring the room. Enquiries to Margaret (Mags) Rees on 01267 275292.

### **Women's Institute**

Meetings held in the Committee Room, Village Hall at 7 pm unless otherwise stated. Programme:

Wed 7 January 1.30pm Board Games. Competition: Make a dice any Medium

Wed 4 February 1.30pm Diets - from size 20 to 12 and stay there!  
Competition: Limerick using letters of DIETS

Wed 4 March 7pm St David's Day Celebration - Cawl Supper  
New members welcome. Enquiries to Margaret (Mags) Rees 275292 or Sandra Seward 275485

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### **News from Lesotho**

Dear Colleagues

We thought we should share this good news with you our funders and friends so that you may help us to celebrate. Our school Mamello Pre and Primary school standard seven results brought us joy. We have 29 normal students and 6 disabled children who sat for the Primary school leaving examinations and all 29 have first class and of those 29, twenty six(26)of them are in the top 10 ranking for all Lesotho primary schools. And this had made our school to be ranked number two in the Leribe district. Guess what? One child with disability got first class and another one third class, some of you may know Mansekela Seetsa for those of you who have been at Phelisanong, she passed with third class.

At Phelisanong, when we share and talk about these results most of us we shed tears, tears of both joy and sorrow because our school has been sidelined for years until recently when it got registered, nevertheless the performance of our school has never gone down. We are registered of course but we are not supported with grants, our teachers work from scratch but because they work extra hard their results are always excellent and this time their results have shocked the nation. So let us join hands together and celebrate to support and raise our teachers' morale so that they continue to do their best.

Thank you friends for your continued support for our school, we have these results because of your support. Never give up!

Nobert , For Phelisanong Community

**GWASANAETHAU'R SUL YN EGLWYS Y PLWYF  
SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE PARISH CHURCH**

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| Sul/Sunday 1 | Cymun Bendigaid  | 9.30 am | Evensong                       | 5 pm    |
| Sul/Sunday 2 | Boreol Weddi   | 11 am   | Holy Communion                 | 5 pm    |
| Sul/Sunday 3 | Holy Communion   | 9.30 am | Service in the Botanic Gardens | 2.30 pm |
| Sul/Sunday 4 | Matins   | 11 am   | Cymun Bendigaid                | 5 pm    |
| Sul/Sunday 5 | Cymun dwyieithog ar y cyd gyda Llanarthne /<br>Joint bilingual Holy Communion with Llanarthne<br>Lluniaeth i dilyn/ Refreshments to follow |         |                                | 10 am   |

**SWYDDOGION ST TWROG OFFICIALS**

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|--|------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| <b>WARDENIAID/WARDENS</b>  |                  | Mr Huw Voyle Williams | 275222 |
|  |                  | Mr Peter Rees         | 275479 |
| <b>TRYSORYDD/TREASURER</b>                                       |                  | Miss Nia Thomas       | 275640 |
| <b>YSGRIFENNYDD/SECRETARY</b>                                    |                  | Miss Vilna Thomas     | 275372 |
| <b>UNDEB Y MAMAU/<br/>MOTHERS UNION</b>                          | <b>Secretary</b> | Mrs Mair Rees         | 275396 |
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