

# Rhosgoch Gossip

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## YFC TRACTOR RUN



Tractors arriving at the Ritchie's ready for Rhosgoch YFC Annual Tractor Run

## 300 MILES CYCLE RIDE FOR CHARITY

I have raised a total of £1417.00 in aid of cancer research and Pendleside Hospice for my 300 mile bike ride in September. Please can I say a massive thank you to everyone who has helped support me. Thanks Phillipa



Cup winners at Painscastle Autumn Competitions

## YFC NEWS

After our great start winning Kington show, we were looking to keep the ball rolling, and by early October we were competing at Radnor YFC field day. We had some good results with Thomas Davies and Jamie Farmer coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior Fferm Factor, and also 2nds in ballroom dancing and the show choir. The show choir were then honoured to be asked to record their Jungle Book medley, to be played at the church service following the sad death of William Skyrme.

We then had our annual pumpkin carving in preparation for Halloween. We had 20 members carving a variety of interesting designs to say the least, with Hannah Davies winning the best decorated pumpkin. It's safe to say it was a fun and messy evening.

Next to a major event in our YFC calendar, our Rhosgoch YFC tractor run. As we had anticipated, there was a huge turnout of 111 tractors and a few cars following the big convoy around the designated route, with the most challenging part, being directing the tractors through the middle of Hay-On-Wye. Thankfully we had a lot of volunteers to help us with the stewarding, catering and organising of the day to keep it all running smoothly. This year we also had the 'John Haydn

Meredith Memorial Trophy' for the best turned out tractor, kindly donated by Caroline Meredith. This was won by Mr Afon Williams with his John Deere 1120. We raised a lot of money for both Rhosgoch Young Farmers and St Michael's Hospice so thank you to everyone who came to support this event.

After such a busy few months, a fun trip was in order! So we organised to go and look around the orchards of 'The Orgasmic Cider Company' and see how cider (and apple juice) is made while possibly sampling some. Yet again a good turnout of members and a very fun and informative trip.

Next we were on to the public speaking. Public speaking is a handy skill to have and Young Farmers is a great way of gaining experience in this. We have had some keen young members competing in both Radnor YFC's public speaking competitions over the last few weeks with Harri Bird, Thomas Davies and Hannah Davies coming 6<sup>th</sup> in their first 'Junior Reading' competition. Harri Bird, Alfie Jenkins and Huw Kramer also came 7<sup>th</sup> in the 'Just A Minute' competition. Brilliant results!



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Another annual Rhosgoch YFC event is our hedging match, which, this year was held at Tyllwyd by kind permission of Steve Lloyd. Luckily the weather was kind to us, so we had another good attendance with a very high standard of hedging on the day, with Nevil Powell winning the overall best hedge on the day.

We are thankful to everyone who has helped us to have such a fun and a successful few months and we hope to keep the momentum going.

Thomas Lloyd



Tractors crossing Hay-on-Wye Bridge during Rhosgoch YFC Tractor Run



Helpers busy making and serving teas, coffees and bacon rolls before the start of the Tractor Run



Some of the organisers at Dorstone Court

## PAINSCASTLE RECYCLING & RUBBISH COLLECTION

Recycling every Monday, and the next rubbish collection dates are:  
17th Dec                    7th Jan                    28th Jan                    18th Feb

## ORCHARD HOUSE TO THE OLD SHOP

Painscastle August 21st 2018

Thank you very much to everybody who kindly offered us help in one form or another for our move just 100 yards up the road. Offers of cardboard boxes, trailers and hands-on help were very welcome for what was, as all moves are, a lengthy drawn-out event that we were dearly pleased to see the back of. I'm sure boxes were multiplying quietly in Orchard House as we were shifting some up to The Old Shop. Steve worked like a mountain goat and just kept on until the job was done. I, on the other hand, got to the stage of just wanting to bin things so we didn't have to move them at all.

We will miss the light that streams into Orchard House really beautifully and the view that I often used to sit and watch, cat on my lap, early morning with my tea, and feel very grateful to have spent nearly six years living there. We wish Jenny and Billy happiness in what is a familiar environment to them.

We are delighted to be staying in Painscastle, but moving into a slightly smaller house was always going to present challenges. We have conquered and risen above them and stored things in the most unlikeliest of places and settled in well. I have stopped expecting to see a hobbit, Hagrid or Mrs Tiggywinkle coming through a door clutching her tea tray and we have got used to the sheer character of the place, which it quite simply oozes. We also feel much more a part of the village, which is a strange thing as it really is very close to where we were before. Our view from the kitchen window is of the castle site and it always makes me think of what has gone before and it is possible to really feel that history reflected in the energy of the house. It is just incredibly comfortable and we feel as if we have lived here longer than we have, which is always a good sign. At least I think it is.

Henry the cat got a little discombobulated and headed back down to the Orchard House a couple of times after being kept in for nearly a month and then disappeared for five days. Very unusual for him to be gone for so long, but when he returned he seemed much more settled and now definitely knows where home is.



## Rhosgoch Mill

After a long wait for Planning Consent, work has finally begun on the restoration of the Mill.



The ground has been levelled around the house to enable the builders to re-build some of the walling and so that scaffolding can be erected. When the work is all finished (quite a while to go) the garden wall will be rebuilt.

Inside, the old oak timbers will be repaired or replaced and you should see a new roof going on over the next few months.

Thankfully we didn't need to move our horses and pigs and all the livestock that required moving coped well. Cecil and Cecilia the Bristlenose Catfish even took a break from laying eggs until a few days after the move. Cecil looks after the eggs meticulously every single month and they both have quite astonishing parental talents. If anybody local has a tropical fish tank and would like any of their offspring they really are a fascinating fish to watch and keep and are relatively hardy. Two or three babies are ready to go. We gave up putting them into a nursery after the 2nd batch, as we were quite literally swimming in over 100 babies. Now they have to take their chances and every month a few survive.

We will be a family of four minus one come October as Isabelle our eldest heads off to university. She made her first successful solo flight out of the nest on an inter-railing trip to Europe over the summer and now, on her return has just 12 days before she stretches her wings further and heads off to Oxford.. I have no doubts she will succeed and we are just VERY proud of her. She has worked so hard and deserves her place. It was odd not having her here for a month and it is going to be odder still her being away more often than at home. We look forward very much to spending a cosy winter in The Old Shop and continuing our life in Painscastle. So far, with the very simple cellophane double glazing added to the front windows and a tweaking of the wood burner it would seem that a warm winter is assured despite having super thick stone walls :)) Watch this space!

Thank you again for all the offers of help.  
The Goodridge Family

*Apologies there was no room for this item in the last issue, sorry for that, however I think the sentiments are still valid. ML*

## YFC HEDGING MATCH



## **Autumn Competitions 2018**

Rhosgoch and Painscastle Autumn Competitions were held in Painscastle Village Hall with the theme being World War 1. Congratulations to all who entered; this year we had over 300 entries. Thank you to Mrs Cherry Williams who judged the handicraft, and said it was a very high standard of work. Also thank you to Mrs Caz Phillips who judged the children's section, poems and photos. Our third judge was Mrs Pam Bufton who judged the cookery. She said she has never seen so many Rock Cakes. Thank you to Mr Peter Holterp who presented the prize bags.

Results as follows.

### Section 1- Open- Ruby Bagley Cup

Class 1- 5 Rock Cakes

1<sup>st</sup> Vicky Gore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gwyneth Gore, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruth Davies

Class 2- Trench Cake

1<sup>st</sup> Gaynor Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Joyce, 3<sup>rd</sup> Owain Hughes

Class 3- A Jar of Chutney

1<sup>st</sup> Gaynor Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Val Price, 3<sup>rd</sup> Christine Rose,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret East

Class 4- 3 Hen Eggs

1<sup>st</sup> Vicky Gore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eileen Gore, 3<sup>rd</sup> June Price

Class 5- A Pair of Knitted Mittens

1<sup>st</sup> Val Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Rose, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edwina Griffiths

Class 6- A floral Exhibit depicting World War 1

1<sup>st</sup> Bethany Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Val Price

Class 7- Homemade Card, "Lest We Forget"

1<sup>st</sup> Christine Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vicky Gore, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gaynor Price

Class 8-Handwritten Letter to the Front

1<sup>st</sup> Val Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Rolands, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edwina Griffiths  
3<sup>rd</sup> Joan Hughes, H C Charlotte Lewis

Class 9- Limerick "When Tommy came back from the War"

1<sup>st</sup> Alison Joyce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Rolands, 3<sup>rd</sup> June Price

Class 10- An Old Seaside postcard

1<sup>st</sup> Margaret James, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gaynor Price, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grace Davies

Class 11- A Painting

1<sup>st</sup> Jane Feldwick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Val Price, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grace Davies

Class 12- Photograph- An original Family photograph

1<sup>st</sup> Val Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Hughes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lucy Ashton

Class 13- My favourite Candle holder to light your way to bed

1<sup>st</sup> Grace Davies, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Joyce, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Horn

Class 14- Any other Craft not otherwise specified

1<sup>st</sup> Gaynor Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vicky Gore, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mollie

Moore, HC Edwina Griffiths

Winner of Ruby Bagley Cup- Val Price

### Section 2- Grandparents- Clyro Court Perpetual Cup

Class 1- 5 Rock Cakes

1<sup>st</sup> Christine Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup> Val Price, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joan Hughes

Class 2- Jar of Jam

1<sup>st</sup> Cherry Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwina Griffiths, 3<sup>rd</sup> Evelyn Bally

Class 3- My favourite Cup and Saucer

1<sup>st</sup> Margaret James, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Farmer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joan Hughes

Class 4- Floral Exhibit Including a Candle Stick

1<sup>st</sup> Val Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Hughes,

Class 5 A Rug Mat

1<sup>st</sup> Grace Davies, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Coulson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joan Hughes

Winner of the Clyro Court Perpetual Cup- Val Price

### Section 3- Pre School Children- Mrs G Jones Cup

Class 1- Poppy made from a recycled bottle

1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Maddy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Davies, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alys Lloyd

Class 2- Collage/Painting of a WW1 Soldier

1<sup>st</sup> Rhian Stokess, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Maddy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Eva Lloyd

Class 3-Photograph in a hand decorated frame

1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Maddy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iona, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anna Thomas

Class 4 3 decorated biscuits

1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Maddy

Winner of the Mrs G Jones Cup- Thomas Maddy

### Section 4- Primary School- Mrs T Herdman Memorial Cup

Class 1- Poppy made from recycled material

1<sup>st</sup> Ieuan Evans, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lila Francis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Freya, HC Ellie Pugh

Class 2- WW1 Peg Doll

1<sup>st</sup> Ellie Pugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Farmer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ieuan Evans

Class 3- Picture of a Tank or Aeroplane

1<sup>st</sup> Ellie Pugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlotte Lewis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Eva Lloyd

Class 4- Miniature Trench Cake

1<sup>st</sup> Rainbows, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Farmer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ellie Pugh

Winner of the Mrs T Herdman Memorial Cup- Ellie Pugh

### Section 5- Craft Members Only- Mrs Val Price Cup

Class 1- 5 Rock cakes

1<sup>st</sup> Vicky Gore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gwyneth Gore, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gaynor Price

HC Christine Rose

Class 2- Door stop

1<sup>st</sup> Val Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gwyneth Gore, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Horn

Class 3- Poppy Corsage

1<sup>st</sup> Val Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gaynor Price, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grace Davies

Winner of Mrs Val Price Cup- Val Price



Pictures from Autumn Competitions' Day



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#### Section 6- Men Only- Grace Davies Cup

Class 1- 5 Rock Cakes

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Gore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Gore, 3<sup>rd</sup> William Lloyd

Class 2- Craft

1<sup>st</sup> Daniel Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Owain Hughes, 3<sup>rd</sup> William Lloyd

Class 3- Photograph- An orginal Farming Photograph Days Gone By.

1<sup>st</sup> William Lloyd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Owain Hughes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Victor Williams

Class 4- A small old item from the tool shed.

1<sup>st</sup> Ken Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Geoff Moore, 3<sup>rd</sup> William Lloyd

Winner of Grace Davies Cup- William Lloyd

Winner of Estyn Meredith Cup for Best Rock Cakes—

Christine Rose

Winner of Sheila Meredith Rose Bowl for Best Floral Exhibit- Bethany Price

Winner of Craft Club Cup for Best Craft Exhibit- Daniel Price

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#### **WINTER SCHEDULE FOR AUTUMN COMPETITIONS ON SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 2019**

Competition Theme is

##### **WALES**

##### Open Section

A Jar Chutney.

Preserve- Any Variety.

A Knitted item to represent WALES.

Handmade Birthday Card. Any Medium.

A hand written Poem. WALES.

A Photograph of a Welsh Castle.

An Old Postcard depicting WALES.

A Wool Tapestry.

My Favourite Souvenir of WALES.

##### Grand Parents Section

Jar of Jam.

An Embroidered Tray Cloth.

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##### Men Only Section

A Photograph of a Sporting Event

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*Last year we were joined by a special guest at All Saints' Church. This year ... who knows who might appear at any one of our Christmas concerts ... !*

#### Performances of *Out With the Old*:

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 8 pm – The Globe, Newport Street, Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR3 5BG.** Tickets £8 from 01497 821762 / [www.globeathay.org](http://www.globeathay.org)

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm – St Mary's Church, High Street, Pembridge, Herefordshire HR6 9EA.** Tickets £10 (to include mulled wine and mince pies) from 01544 388279 / 01544 340381 and also from The Olde Steppes Village Shop, Pembridge. [www.villagequire.org.uk](http://www.villagequire.org.uk)



**Tuesday, 11 December at 7.30pm  
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#### **VILLAGE VARIETIES IN ERWOOD**

A dozen different organisations and individuals contributed to the programme of *Village Varieties* in Erwood Market Hall on 24th and 25th November.

Dance exercise group Fitsteps, tutored by Caroline Keown, opened each of the shows with their lively quickstep routine, following which Erwood WI sang a comic song under the capable leadership of Jenny Smith. There were many more laughs as young and old members of Erwood Young Farmers' Club, the Pitstop (Toilets) Committee and Erwood Players performed funny sketches and 'radio plays'. Brief poetic and musical interludes were provided by Erika Cunningham, Rob Healey and Sid and Celia Jefferies.

The audience were kept spellbound by the Gipsy Jazz playing of professional Crickadarn duo Jo and Dave, aka 'FiddleBop'. Another highlight was the tap routine by a quartet that featured two former Rhosgoch School teachers, Margaret Evans and Pam Banks (pictured). Both halves of the concert each night were rounded off in fine style by community singing, led once again by Jenny Smith.

While the Market Hall Committee was delighted that the two concerts together raised over £900, it was generally agreed that the biggest gain had been the fun everyone had preparing and rehearsing for their performances. With so many acts taking part there had been no opportunity for



a dress rehearsal but both concerts ran smoothly, and audiences and those on stage all enjoyed themselves enormously. With young lighting technicians Ryan, Callum and Isaac, and performers ranging from teenagers to octogenarians, this was a truly multi-generational affair that brought the community together in the best tradition of village entertainment. PB



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*Also required for charity are good handbags and shoes as well as old batteries, AAA, AA, C & D.*

*YFC are collecting old mobile phones. All these items can be put in the box in the bus shelter in Painscastle.*

## CULINARY COLUMN

### A Rule of Tum

The towns are full of twinkly lights, the supermarket aisles are groaning with festive cheer, and the children have started singing carols: Christmas is just around the corner! Hereford is a very enjoyable place to shop and as the newspapers are full of the death of the high street it seems a good idea to do Christmas shopping in town- use it or lose it as they say. With a fistful of saved-up clothes vouchers, the Little Darlings and I hit the bright lights and I emerged an hour later with three considerably smarter children. Next on the list was food so we headed for A Rule of Tum, a burger shop boasting seasonal local ingredients that help create consistently delicious burgers. The 'shop' (not a restaurant) is simple and unpretentious. The menu is relatively small but the simplicity of the everything highlights the fact that the food is stand out delicious.

As well as mouth-watering beef patty burgers, there are pulled Welsh lamb burgers, chicken and falafel burgers, and a specials board. The tempting treats to accompany the burgers include cheese curds, which sound rustically healthy but are a great euphemism for fried cheese; delicious fatty cheese fried in more fat until crispy, golden and you-know-it bad for you. The children's burgers came as a meal with lovely crispy chips and received mixed reviews. The Boy wolfed down his burger pausing only at the end to say it was really good although it didn't taste like a burger, but by then it was too late to do anything about the fact he had eaten a falafel burger instead of a beef burger. If a committed carnivore can eat falafel unknowingly then it must be a great veggie burger! The Girl picked her way round the apple slaw, pickled red cabbage, tarragon mayo and baby gem, and I probably would have had a cleaner plate if I had taken her to MacDonald's. The Third ate everything happily, probably because being the youngest means that being fussy is not an option, and if you are not quick then the others will eat your food for you.

As for us grownups, the burgers have spoilt us for any other burgers again. They are not first date material as there is no dainty way to eat them, but for sheer juiciness and amazing flavours then I don't think anything will touch them. If I was a cow this is the way I would want to go: as A Rule of Tum Farmer Tom's Beef Burger.

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**Last Painscastle class for 2018 on 19th Dec, first in 2019 10th Jan**

### Make your own burgers

Making your own burgers and then cooking them on a barbecue or a fire is definitely worth the fuss. For children it can be a whole afternoon's project, and cooking outside any time of the year is great fun- just pop on an extra coat and warm up your hands with a mulled wine. Pick mince with around 20% fat, and experiment by adding different flavourings: crushed garlic, grated onion and ground spices work a treat.

### Ingredients

1 small onion diced  
500g good-quality beef mince  
1 egg  
1 tbsp vegetable oil  
4 burger buns

### Method

Tip 500g beef mince into a bowl with 1 small diced onion and 1 egg, then mix.

Divide the mixture into four. Lightly wet your hands.

Carefully roll the mixture into balls, each about the size of a tennis ball.

Set in the palm of your hand and gently squeeze down to flatten into patties about 3cm thick. Make sure all the burgers are the same thickness so that they will cook evenly.

Put on a plate, cover with cling film and leave in the fridge to firm up for at least 30 mins.

Heat the barbecue to medium hot (there will be white ash over the red hot coals – about 40 mins after lighting).

Lightly brush 1 side of each burger with vegetable oil.

Place the burgers, oil-side down, on the grid. Cook for 5 mins until the meat is lightly charred. Don't move them around or they may stick.

Oil the other side, then turn over using tongs. Don't press down on the meat, as that will squeeze out the juices.

Cook for 5 mins more for medium. If you like your burgers pink in the middle, cook 1 min less each side. For well done, cook 1 min more. After cooking leave to rest so that the juices settle.

Taken from the bbc good food website [www.bbcgoodfood.com](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com).

\*\*\*Save the Date!\*\*\*

KADOS will be performing the pantomime Puss in Boots, February 21st–23rd (half term) in Lady Hawkins Community Hall, Kington. Watch this space.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Phil & Danielle Lloyd from Goblaen House Bungalow on the birth of a baby boy Hugo Alexander on 23rd November 2018, a baby brother for Lala (6).

Best wishes also to Spencer & Katie Cleaves nee Lloyd on the birth of a baby girl on 23rd November. Ruby a sister for Freddie and another great grand child for Rosie Lloyd.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sat Dec 8th Bryngwyn Church Bingo at Rhosgoch Golf Club 7.30pm  
Sat Dec 8th LeJog Classic car Reliability Trial passing through Painscastle at 9.45 pm  
Mon Dec 31st New Year's Eve Celebration at Rhosgoch Golf Club 8pm Tickets from RGLC  
2019  
Sat Feb 9th Race Night at Painscastle Village Hall  
Thr-Sat Feb 21-23rd KADOS pantomime, Puss in Boots at Lady Hawkins Community Hall, Kington  
Sat/Sun May 4/5th Flower Festival at Llanbedr Church

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May you be able to enjoy this time of rejoicing to the full with family, friends and community. Of course, Christmas is not an escape from worldly troubles and into a fantasy fairytale but it is the first step into the adventurous world of heaven's mystery that offers permanent and everlasting joys!

At this special time of the year, we celebrate with the angels that God and heaven overflowed with love and showered the earth with signs and wonders in preparation for the great climax of the birth of the Holy Child in Bethlehem. Allow the story to fill your hearts. Revel in the images of the Angels appearing to the Shepherds and the Magi being led by the star for many months through the heat, cold and dust to pay homage to the physical radiance of God present in the babe who will change the world. Think of Mary's wonderful and gracious acquiescence to God's will as the Angel told her that she was his chosen one. See Mary rushing in excitement to Elizabeth where John the Baptist responded by leaping with joy within his mother's womb. Remember Joseph's loyalty and the visitation of angels in his dreams to tell him how to ensure the safety of the baby Jesus. The very spirit of the world was responding to heaven's call by lifting people's hearts in preparation for the birth of our Lord.

This is the story of God and, as such, is not only fact but is an epic of great mythical truth. Christmas is the beginning of the beautiful truth that Emmanuel is 'God with us.' The real essence and beauty of the Incarnation of Our Lord is that it is our story; a complete gift to us. Through the incarnation we become the body of Christ. The Divine Babe is born to die, to know human suffering and after his Ascension he sends us God's Holy Spirit so he may live within us. Because of this, as we embark on our life with Christ, we, like Jesus, also may hear the Father's voice saying to us, "You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased." Heaven and earth are now inseparable and we stand at the point where they meet, carrying our humanity through this veil of tears. We are the Babe in the manger; always being born anew, often helpless but always divine.

Carry the image of the new-born baby, radiant with light as he throws his golden beams into the stable, a divine light that reflects on his parents, the shepherds, the wise men, and shines beyond into the world. The birth is the light! It is our light – feel it shine on you, feel how you may carry the light into the world. In this light, all our earthly troubles may then be seen as the shadow of a restless world that is searching for a new life of increased love, unity and fellowship. Embrace the new birth and all the fear and danger will be balanced by an increased peace and goodwill to all people. Think on this and you will always be carrying a prayer for those you love and those for whom Christmas may be one of pain and sorrow. This Christmas, there will be many children of God born to homeless families in stables, caves, hovels and makeshift shelters; through them the Christ-child is born again to redeem the suffering of his created world until we share his burden, realise our own divinity and turn our world to paradise once more.

### Boxes of DVDs

There are boxes of DVDs located in the Bus Shelter in Painscastle, all in good order, Free to a good home.

**The Feast of the Epiphany** on the 6<sup>th</sup> January emphasises that which Jesus and all that his Incarnation brings is God's gift to us. We will celebrate this in St Mary's Newchurch at 11.00am. The Magi bring gifts that are elemental symbols of the earth, presented to Our Lord to complement his divinity as he comes to live among us and through whom we are given a glimpse of eternity. Gold is a symbol of the richness of the earth - for him who shall rule our world. Frankincense and Myrrh are both strong healing plants. The former, when used as incense, has the quality of enhancing the depth and purity of prayer. This shows that our Lord's strength is through being the most divine and pure of all men, like incense he will carry our prayers to heaven. The salve of Myrrh has the quality to banish decay and infection, thus symbolically this gift will preserve the babe in body and soul. The Magi have interpreted from the stars that the Christ will die but will live forever, thus they match their gifts accordingly. The scene is already set for the fulfilment of the Passion some thirty years later. It is worth remembering that the story of the Incarnation is a complete and whole event in the history of our world - from our Saviour's birth until his death and resurrection. The story of Jesus combines joy with sorrow and demonstrates that within our eternal journey, earthly suffering may equal heavenly bliss.

*The Blessings of the Christ child be with you and those you love this Christmas and always. Father Paul.*

#### Sunday 2nd December Advent 1

9:30am	Llanbadarn	Eucharist
11.00am	Gwenddwr	Eucharist
11.00 am	Llandeilo Graban	Morning Prayer
3.00pm	Llandewi Fach	Eucharist

#### Friday 7th December

7:00pm	Aberedw	Evening Carol Service
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#### Sunday 9th December Advent 2

9:30am	Aberedw	Eucharist
11:00am	Llanbedr	Eucharist
2:30pm	Moriah Chapel	Afternoon Carol Service
6:00pm	Crickadarn	Evening Carol Service

#### Sunday 16th December Advent 3

9:30am	Llandeilo Graban	Eucharist
11:00am	Gwenddwr	Eucharist
11:00am	Newchurch	Eucharist
6:00pm	Bryngwyn	Carol Service with Christingle

#### Thursday 20th December

6:00pm	Llanbadarn	Evening Carol Service
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#### Sunday 23rd December Advent 4

9:30am	Bryngwyn	Eucharist
9:30am	Crickadarn	Morning Prayer

#### Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

6:00pm	Aberedw	Christingle Eucharist
11:30pm	Llanbedr	Midnight Mass

#### Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day

9:30am	Gwenddwr	Eucharist
11:00am	Llandeilo	Eucharist

#### Sunday 30th December 1st of Christmas (Fifth)

9:30am	Crickadarn	Eucharist
11:00am	Llanbedr	Eucharist

#### Sunday 6th January The Epiphany

9:30am	Llanbadarn	Eucharist
11:00am	Gwenddwr	Eucharist
11:00am	Llandeilo Graban	Morning Prayer
3.00pm	Llandewi Fach	Eucharist

#### Sunday 13th January The Baptism of Christ

9:30am	Crickadarn	Eucharist
9:30am	Aberedw	Eucharist
11:00am	Llanbedr	Eucharist
<b>Sunday 20th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany</b>		
9:30am	Llandelio Grabab	Eucharist
11:00am	Gwenddwr	Eucharist
<b>Sunday 27th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany</b>		
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11:00am	Aberedw	Eucharist

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#### EDITOR'S NOTES

I hope you enjoy this edition of the 'Gossip'. Most of the our regular features are included. The Farm Focus is on page 6, Culinary Column (P7), reports from lots of the local groups and clubs, with most of the photos provided by Grace with a little help from Shaun, Gaynor Dainis etc. Mikey still sneaks in, (P13)! Thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to this issue. Please continue to send articles, news and events, all comments are gratefully received. [m.lloyd1@btconnect.com or 01497-851609]. ML (Editor).

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Old issues are put on the community website [www.painscastle-rhosgoch.co.uk](http://www.painscastle-rhosgoch.co.uk)

The community website continues to reflect the local area. However, there are still gaps with some local groups not represented. If anyone would like to contribute in any way please get in touch either directly to the webmaster or to me at m.lloyd1@btconnect.com

## **POWYS PRATTLIES**

**by COUNTY COUNCILLOR JAMES GIBSON-WATT**

### **MONEY, MONEY MONEY.....**

A familiar ritual occurs in Powys County Hall around this time of year and no doubt something similar happens in all county halls across the UK. The place becomes gripped by budget fever, for which, unlike the 'flu, there is no vaccine. The sequence of events never changes - Welsh Government issues its provisional (draft) 'settlement' (grant) to Welsh councils in late October; much gnashing of teeth and cries of 'foul' emanate from the councils; Welsh Government issues its final settlement in late November, which is always slightly better than the provisional; more gnashing of teeth occurs, to be followed by 'well that's slightly better than it could have been'; and the council's Cabinet gets down to setting its next year's budget proposals, before the council as a whole votes on them early in the New Year.

I have been a Powys county councillor for, on and off, 15 years and the ritual is as unchanging as the seasons, in good times and bad. We are definitely in bad times now and have been for some years. Promises made at the 2017 council elections by one of the political parties' candidates (not mine I hasten to add)) that if elected they would ensure zero increases in Council Tax in Powys were always hopelessly unrealistic. Since one of those parties is now in the council's ruling coalition Cabinet, the long-suffering residents of the county could be forgiven for casting a jaundiced eye on the whole charade. Those local politicians who made that promise for the council elections in May 2017 and then voted for a 5% increase in Council Tax for the following 2018/19 council budget may wish to consider that getting elected is one thing, fulfilling the promises made to get there is quite another. Promises, promises .....

The truth is that local government across the UK is facing a perfect storm – rising demand for adult social care as the population ages; rising demand for children's social care and child protection as family breakdown and internet and social media risks to children increase; rising costs of service delivery caused by general inflation; and static or falling levels of revenue grant funding from central government. In Wales the situation is much less bad than in England, where local government has faced cuts of up to 50% over the past several years. But every time the UK Chancellor cuts local government funding in England, the knock-on effect on the funding to Welsh Government means that it has less money to fund local councils here. Until that 'perfect storm' abates, this situation will continue. Ironically, the council has easy access to borrowed capital funding, as interest rates are very low, hence the splendid new schools in Clyro and Llyswen. But finding the revenue to run them is getting tougher and tougher, and we haven't even left (the EU) yet. But don't get me started on that one!

Please contact me anytime on 01497 820434 or 07971048737 or at [cllrjgw@powys.gov.uk](mailto:cllrjgw@powys.gov.uk)

James

### **WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB**

We meet between 12:30 and 1pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, usually at the Rhosgoch Golf Club. The dates of the next meetings are :- December 12th, Januray 16th & February 20th. For further information contact Jeanette Cruse 01497-851756

## **ASSEMBLY NEWS**

Good news – I am NOT going to write about Brexit, about which we have all heard more than enough.

The National Assembly for Wales was established in 1999 and I have had the amazing privilege of representing the people of Brecon & Radnorshire there from day one. Despite the fact that some people I talk to tell me that it has not improved Welsh residents' lives or the services they receive, and some even say it has made things worse, very few tell me that they would now like to see it abolished. Even if many do not exactly like the Assembly, they will be damned if anyone tries to take it away from them! I remain a passionate 'devolutionist' and believe the National Assembly has made improvements in many areas of Welsh life and has provided Wales with a means to better promote its distinct identity, culture and, perhaps above all, values. But I know that Assembly Members and the institution itself need to work harder at explaining what it does, how it will use the extra powers, for example over taxation, that it has in recent years acquired and present a coherent vision of a Wales of the future.

So, what difference has the Assembly made? Well, I have been fortunate to have been in a position to introduce a couple of major policy issues that have placed Wales on a different and distinctive path from the other nations of the UK. While an opposition party leader I was able to sponsor and introduce a Bill in to the Assembly to establish in law minimum nursing staff levels in Welsh hospitals, for which I received cross-party support. This is now a legal requirement in Wales and has produced real benefits for all NHS staff and safer NHS services for the people of Wales.

The other is, via my role as Cabinet Secretary for Education, the establishment of a coherent Rural Schools Policy, which has just recently come in to force. This policy provides a measure of protection for rural schools from closure, helping to sustain our fragile rural communities. While the policy does not mean that no small, rural schools may ever close, it does mean that if a local council is considering the future of a small rural school it has to exhaust all possible alternative options to sustain their continued operation before closure and the relocation of the pupils is considered. This might include exploring options for school 'federation' with other local schools, the sharing of headteachers and staff and other similar measures, which might seem obvious potential solutions, but which all too often in the past have not been properly tested before school closure decisions are made. The policy will also give more time and make it easier for local communities to engage in the debate about a school's future, with a real prospect of being able to better influence the decisions made. Alas, the policy has come in to force too late for too many rural schools, but at least now Wales has a policy that gives those that are left a good chance of being retained, with tremendous knock-on benefits to rural communities across the country facing very uncertain times.

Please contact me at any time on 01874 625739 or at [kir-sty.williams@assembly.wales](mailto:kir-sty.williams@assembly.wales) if I can be of assistance.

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## NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER

The Autumn has come and gone in the blink of an eye. Throughout the Autumn period I have been busy in both Westminster and in Brecon and Radnorshire. Around my usual duties as your MP, hosting various surgeries across the constituency and voting on a number of pieces of legislation in Parliament, I have been pushing the profile of Brecon and Radnorshire both in London and at home.

Earlier in the year I met with representatives from the renowned Talgarth Male Voice Choir and my team and I began to arrange for them to visit the House of Commons later on in the year. Well last month around 70 members of the choir and their partners descended upon Westminster. My team and I took them for a tour of the historic buildings before they were due to sing in a more modern part of the Parliamentary estate – Portcullis House. Many Parliamentarians and Lords stopped to listen and from here we went for a drink in Strangers bar, where the choir would spontaneously break into song mid-drink. Much to the delight of those already enjoying a drink, many of whom joined in and sang along with us. It was definitely a night I and the Talgarth Male Voice Choir will not be forgetting in a hurry. A few weeks ago Brecon and Radnorshire was proud to host Queen Mpumi, Prince Mbonisi and Prince Buza, Royals from Zululand. The Royals and their delegates stayed in Llandrindod at the Metropole Hotel, as they were visiting Brecon and Radnorshire ahead of next year's 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Anglo-Zulu War. It was great to be able to welcome them to our beautiful part of the country and to see the continued links between our two communities.

This year also marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of WW1 and I attended events in Glasbury, Hay and Brecon on Remembrance Sunday. I am proud that, thanks to the hard work of Cllr Iain McIntosh and others, Brecon will now be covered in poppies just as many other towns and villages up and down the area have done in recent years, displaying them in shop windows and on lampposts.

My office is always available to help members of the public who are in need of support. Please feel free to contact my office at 6 Market Street, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3AG, 01982 559180 or [chris.davies.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:chris.davies.mp@parliament.uk)

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Chairman, Jenny Smith, Penrhiw  
Vice-chairman, David Nicholls, Castlefield Close  
Becky Miles, The Cwm  
Iris Lloyd, Caemawr  
Sian Powell, Lletycoed  
Andrew Ritchie, Castle Brook  
Bruce Evans, Lower Pentre  
Deri Jones, Portway

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month.  
Agendas and minutes for meetings are posted on the notice boards in Painscastle, Rhosgoch and Llandeilo Graban.  
Clerk: Marion Hughes, Waun y Pentre 01497 851628  
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## Hay & District Dial-a-Ride

**Volunteering** – What does it mean to be a volunteer driver for Dial-a-Ride? We asked Richard Gardiner, Trustee and Volunteer for his views.

*"I have been driving for Hay Dial a Ride for nearly 5 years now. I started driving in part because I had recently moved to Hay and it seemed to be a good way to explore the area and see how attractive it is. Driving the minibus along some of the narrow back roads is an achievement in itself (and I've never got completely stuck) and you get to appreciate the scenery and how it changes through the seasons."*

*In addition it is interesting to meet the clients, all of whom are friendly and chatty, and discover their range of life experiences and lifestyles. It is good to see how they get to know each other as some of our clients are either geographically or socially isolated. Dial a Ride also run social trips and I have driven groups to the National Botanic Garden near Carmarthen and the Hop Pocket Shopping Village near Bromyard. These trips are always a great success and enjoyed by both the clients and by me, the driver.*

*In terms of time it is not demanding- I normally drive one morning or afternoon each week with extra half days every so often. Some drivers do more shifts (and some less) - it's up to the driver. I arrange my shifts with the friendly and helpful staff at the office.*

*Finally it's good to give something back to the local community. The service we provide is appreciated and I've lost count of the number of times our clients have said "I don't know what I'd do without Dial a Ride"*

If you are interested, please call us. **Make a New Year's resolution to do something different to help your community!**

**Bank Bus** – due to a generous grant from Brecon Rotary Club we have been able to trial a new monthly service to Brecon – the “bank bus”. There will be no banks in Hay from the end of September and many of our members do not do online banking or prefer to do their business face-to-face. We are pleased to be able to provide this service and extend a huge thank you to the Brecon Rotary Club for supporting our charity in this way. The service will run until the end of March 2019 initially, although we are hoping to obtain funding to continue after that date.

**Christmas** – Come and sing along at our annual Christmas Carol Service in St Mary's Church, Hay on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. Entry is £3.50 and includes tea and mince pies after the service. Thanks to the Monday Choir!

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- Meetings are held in Painscastle Village Hall, at 7.00pm, unless otherwise stated. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Please contact Mollie Moore (851296) or Edwina Griffiths (8512824) for more details.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning in any way, whether it was helping on the day, baking cakes, donating prizes or sending donations, we couldn't do it without your help!!

Thank you to Andrew Meredith for revamping the spinning game to a dart board, to Josh Nicholls for making the dice, James & Meg Lloyd for the use of their BBQ again and Betty Lloyd (Rhoscog Golf Club) for providing/sponsoring a game and cooking us a delicious lunch afterwards!

Although it was much quieter than previous years, we still managed a fantastic amount for this very worthy cause.

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Next coffee morning will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019



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## MIKEY'S DIARY

Well it really seems to be winter now. My house, - Lundy alley is very cold. I do try and sneak into Mo's part of the house but sometimes I am not allowed. If those babies are about, they seem to think I should stay outside!



Mo has let me in to write my diary so I think I may just take my time. After all there is a lot of thinking to be done when, like me, you are producing a literary masterpiece! I find I do my best thinking when I am sitting in front of the Rayburn, so that is where I try to stay. I am sure you will agree with me when I say that a warm brain will work more effectively than a cold one, and as far as dogs are concerned I think it is only a cold nose that is required. The rest of me can be nicely warm. I'm not sure Mo is totally convinced, but so far it is working!

I expect you are all wondering how the young ones are getting on. Luckily we only have one pup left. He is growing every day and is already a lot bigger than me. Of course he has a lot of learning to do, the first thing you would think would be to know his name and then to answer to it. However that is proving very difficult as the humans don't seem to be able to remember what his name is. Mo was calling him Jim but the others thought that was too much like Gyp and he would be confused. Ken thought his name was Bob and Matthew thought it was Sweep so I really don't know what he is called so I just call him Pup. Me and Pup get on alright although he can get a bit boisterous, as he jumps around me. I have tried to explain that I am now too old to play silly games, although a little game of football is always welcome.

Pup's last brother to leave home was Tank, he has gone downhill to live at Trewyrlod. He has changed his name as well, but they haven't told me what it is. However he seems to get on with Evan (the old dog). So Evan will be responsible for his education, I hope he will be thorough and give him a broad grounding in the important things in life. First football, second Frisbees, then I suppose as he is a sheepdog, he will need to understand sheep, or at least try to! Sheep really are not animals easily understood, they are probably not as difficult as humans, but they still have a lot of quirks that seem unusual. They all seem to have problems with their feet, and having four of them is not a good idea because on the law of averages there is bound to be one or other hurting. Or do you think they are wimps and so make a big fuss over very little pain? Whatever the reason, that usually means when you have to move a bunch of sheep, one or two of them will tell you just how sore their feet are and they can't be hurried. I have done some quite detailed studies of sheep, as I do find them interesting. When they are in the sheep shed I often wander in to check on them, just in case they have some news for me. But I must confess I do not completely understand their little minds.

We still have the two pigs, I don't think they have names other than Spotty (he has spots) and Unspotty (she doesn't have spots). I am fascinated with them, they have now moved out of the sheep shed, probably they were getting a complex. Mo said they had heard of the film 'Babe' and didn't want to have to round up sheep. I love talking to them, we have lots of conversations, I bark and they squeal and we have great fun, although the humans don't seem to understand. Ken says Spotty is a bully as he does not want to share his food with Unspotty, so Ken tries to stand guard armed with a hazel stick. I don't think it makes much difference as Spotty is twice the size of his sister.

Mo sometimes looks after the babies, one day when she had Oscar she borrowed Paige's chariot and we went for a walk. It was a lovely sunny day, but I got very tired after walking up the road quite a way so Mo said I could have a lift. There is a special basket under the pram for me to ride in so I came home in style. I enclose a photo just in case anyone else would like to have a ride, my philosophy has always been that there is no point walking if you can ride.



Of course the next big event will be Christmas, I think it will be quieter this year as TD has left home. He has had his brace off so now he has to hold up his own head. He can drive again now, so he is much happier. He doesn't come up to see us too often, I think he is afraid we might give him a job or two.

Mikey

## NEW BUILDING REGS - FIRE SPRINKLERS

As of January 2016 any new build or change of use to apply for building regs will have to provide a fire suppression system. There are two main types of fire suppression systems, a mist-type system and a traditional fire sprinkler system. I have completed and passed the course for traditional fire sprinklers and have already designed and installed a few sprinkler systems.

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## FARM FOCUS

### Life on Garth Farm

Hello, I'm Lois. I live in Llandeilo Graban with my partner Sam and our daughter Bernie. In March 2016 we were lucky enough to secure the tenancy at Garth Farm. We just farm sheep here at the Garth, trying to increase our numbers on a yearly basis.

This autumn we have tupped 750 ewes.

At the moment we run two thirds Welsh ewes and one third lowland ewes, with the aim of eventually having mainly low-land ewes. Sam's desire to be a sheep

farmer began at a young age farming alongside his Grandad, Aubrey Morris.

In 2012 we were given the opportunity to rent some land and our flock has grown from there, with our biggest edition arriving last August - our little girl Bernie. She is now 16 months old and loving life on the farm. With the winter, spring and summer we've had, this last 12 months has been testing to say the least.

I'm not from a farming background, but I



have always been a keen member of Young Farmers. I now find myself holding the fort in the summer whilst Sam is off shearing and in the winter, as he is learning to scan sheep.

We're lucky to have Uncle Rob (Rob Tyler) close by to keep an eye on us. As many of you will know, he farmed here at the Garth with his wife Thelma for many years.

We really like living here in Llandeilo Graban, it's a beautiful place and everyone has been very welcoming! Lois, Sam and Bernie

## REMEMBRANCE DAY



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### PAINSCASTLE LOCAL INTEREST GROUP

Next year's programme is:-

Thr Jan 31st Great grandmother's diaries - Cherry Williams  
Thr Feb 28th History of trades & services at Pendre farm - Wendy Ozols

Thr Mar 28th Kilvert - Ann Dean

Thr Apr 25th Drovers - Bruce Smith & Christine McCann  
Winter meetings are held at the Adullam Hall, Painscastle at 7.30pm on the last Thursday on the month. During the summer we have evening visits, meeting in Painscastle at 7pm.  
Everyone is welcome.

### Extract from 'Waitrose' Weekend newspaper:

Email from Andy Kirby:

As a council worker, Andy had needed a Welsh translation of a road sign saying "NO ENTRY FOR HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES – RESIDENTIAL SITE ONLY". He contacted a translation agency which replied – "nid wyfyn y swyddfa ar hyn o bryd. Afonwch unrhyw waith i'w gyfieithu." Andy duly got the words printed on the sign, only to find they meant "I'm not in the office at the moment. Please send any work to be translated." Andy concluded – It caused quite a stir and I was sacked. But he might have felt it was worth it!



Golden Valley Hunt meet at the Roast Ox

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**PAINSCASTLE MOTHERS UNION**

Every year at our AGM and Planning meeting in October, we have the same discussion: are there enough members to continue as the Mothers' Union in Painscastle? With the present officers in place and willing to serve for another year the answer was yes! So, we look forward to another year of Diocesan and Deanery Festivals, Wave of Prayer and joining with other branches for their services and guest evenings.

Mothers' Union is a worldwide Christian based movement, dedicated to helping families by prayer and practical support.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Painscastle Village Hall. You are most welcome to join us, come and see what we do or pop in for tea and cakes.

Future Dates:

7th December – Christmas Dinner at Roast Ox

2019 8th January – No meeting

21st February – Wave of Prayer at Llanbedr Church

12th March – Memorabilia from the 1st and 2nd World Wars.



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**RHOSGOCH CHAPEL NEWS****CompassionUK visits the Chapel**

CompassionUK arranges sponsorships for children in the poor countries of the world, children to whom the sponsorship money offers a real opportunity to develop and grow.

CompassionUK aims to share God's love with the children they care for, but doesn't require any child to become a follower of Jesus to be a part of their programme and receive the benefits. They are committed to working with the poorest of the poor so they help children from all backgrounds regardless of caste, creed, class or religion.

Pictured with Geoff is the CompassionUK rep Martin Hawke who delivered an in-depth survey of the work of the organisation and the numbers of children it has helped – running into many thousands.

As a result of Martin's visit, three Chapel members combined to sponsor Yanti, a seven year old Indonesian girl.

**Macmillan at the Chapel**

Pictured during the Macmillan coffee morning at the Chapel are volunteers (from left): Val, Maggie, Ruth, Brenda and Carol. The morning went very well for the organisation with over £269 in donations. Thanks to all the lovely people who came along.



Saturday 8th December

2018

at

Rhosgoch Golf Club

Eyes down 7:30pm

**Christmas at Rhosgoch Chapel**

December - all at 2.30 pm

2nd Geoff

9th Duncan &amp; Lesley Maclean

16th Carol Service

23rd Geoff

25th Geoff at 10 am

## RHOSGOCH AND PAINSCASTLE TOTS GROUP

It has been a busy autumn at Tots with lots of new faces joining in with the fun. Much of the craft carried out this term was in preparation for the Craft Club Autumn Competitions. Each week the children busied themselves making poppies from recyclable materials, collaging soldiers and decorating picture frames. Thank you to everyone who entered the pre school competition and congratulations to Thomas Maddy for winning the Mrs G Jones Pre School Cup.

As well as the crafts mentioned above, the children have loved playing with the soft play, exploring sensory activities such as rainbow rice and baking shortbread. The children also created apple print pumpkins to give out during 'Trick or Treating' at Halloween. Thank you to everyone in Painscastle who welcomed our tots so lovingly when they appeared looking mightily scary at your doors! The rest of this term will focus on winter and Christmas.

Tots runs in term time on Tuesdays from 9.30 – 11.30am in Painscastle Village Hall. For £2, your child can have lots of fun playing, crafting and singing as well as having a healthy snack. The kettle is always on and friendly faces are in abundance! Please come along and join us!

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