



# Editorial

Edition 32 sees The Bônau Cabbage Patch approaching the nine-year barrier. To be honest it doesn't really seem that long ago that we launched the Bônau Cabbage Patch. I hope you have all enjoyed the ride since we launched the magazine as much as we have enjoyed riding the roller coaster with you. Hang on for hopefully another year of articles, jokes and news about the village and it's inhabitants. Remember we are entirely dependent on you for the news and articles so don't be shy and come forward and give us what everyone else wants to read.

## BÔNAU DEADLINES

The deadline for the summer edition of The Bônau Cabbage Patch is 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011 for your articles or reports or 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 for any amendments to your advert.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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## CLOCKS GO FORWARD

Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour before going to bed on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March. British Summer Time officially starts at 2:00am on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March



## Diary Dates

- Mar 01 St David's Day
- Mar 08 Shrove Tuesday
- Mar 14 Commonwealth Day
- Mar 17 St Patrick's Day
- Mar 27 BST Begins
- April 01 All Fools Day
- April 03 Mothering Sunday
- April 17 Palm Sunday
- April 21 Queen's Birthday
- April 22 Good Friday
- April 24 Easter Day
- April 25 Easter Monday
- April 23 St George's Day
- April 29 Royal Wedding
- May 01 May Day
- May 02 May Bank Holiday
- May 30 Spring Bank Holiday

*(Apologies for the errors in the last edition of The Bônau when we incorrectly listed some of the early March festivals).*



## PWLL RESIDENTS & TENNANTS ASSOCIATION

The Pwll Residents Association meet on the last Monday of every month in the vestry of Bethlehem Chapel.

Do please go along as everyone is welcome to express their views and thoughts on what they think should be improved in the village.

More information from Pam Williams, Secretary on 01554 776931

It is much easier to be critical than to be correct.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & POLICING TEAM

The Neighbourhood Watch & Policing Team hold regular meetings in Pwll Pavilion so that the public can meet them and discuss their problems and concerns.

Meetings (open to all) will be held on the following dates at 6:30pm: -

- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2001
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011
- 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Your local neighbourhood watch co-ordinator is John Edwards. You can contact John on 775534. You can contact your local Police Community Support Officer Dan Brown by phoning 101 or by e-mail at: [dan.brown@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dan.brown@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk)



## Bobby Box

Our Bobby Box is situated at Pwll Post Office.

You can use it for suggestions, ideas, complaints etc about the policing of the village. You can include 'tip offs' about anti-social behaviour, littering, dog fouling, bad language, car scratching, speeding, car tax evasion etc etc.

Your name and address is kept confidential by the police so don't be frightened of any retaliation.

It takes considerable knowledge just to realize the extent of your own ignorance.



## THREE PWLL NONOGENARIANS

We offer our congratulations to three Pwll residents who reach their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in the coming months.

First to reach the milestone, on 2<sup>nd</sup> March is Renee de Filippis of Ger-y-Coed. Closely following on her heels is Harold 'Commando' Williams of Elgin Road who celebrates his on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Making up the trio is Meriel Walters of Pwll Road who reaches her 90<sup>th</sup> on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Our sincere congratulations to you all and thank you for contributing a combined total of almost three centuries of service to your country.

It is rarely possible to carry the torch of progress through a crowd of people without singeing somebody's beard.

Phobia

## THREE FAMOUS PERSONS AND THEIR PHOBIAS

Oprah Winfrey - Chiclephobia (fear of gum chewing)

Natalie Wood - Hydrophobia (fear of water)

Napoleon Bonaparte - Ailurophobia (fear of cats).

It's easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.

## BANANAS



Botanically speaking, the banana is not a fruit but a herb.

Bananas are the world's most popular fruit after tomatoes. In western countries, they could account for 3% of a grocer's total sales.

Bananas are consistently the number one fruit selection of grocery shoppers.

Most people complain when bananas are overripe or even freckled. The fact is that spotted bananas are sweeter, with a sugar content of more than 20%, compared with 3% in a green banana.

We import about 1million tonnes of bananas every year.

## INTERESTING THOUGHT

Going to bed the other night, I noticed people in my shed stealing things. I phoned the police but was told no one was in the area to help. They said they would send someone over as soon as possible.

I hung up. A minute later I rang again. "Hello," I said, "I called you a minute ago because there were people in my shed. You don't have to hurry now, because I've shot them."

Within minutes there were half a dozen police cars in the area, plus a helicopter and an armed response unit. They caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the officers said, "I thought you said you'd shot them." To which I replied, "I thought you said there was no one available." (Tony Gladstone)

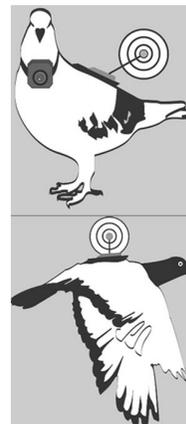
## PWLL TRIALS

### UBIQUITOUS DIGITAL NETWORKING



Interconnectivity has never been more important. Digital networks serve up more and more of our entertainment, information, and communication than ever. Think about it - The Internet, e-mails, mobile phones, digital TV and radio, I Pods, - they all rely on interconnectivity. Indeed, our ability to easily connect with each other is the foundation of our daily lives. UTE plc (Universal Telecom Europe) - a hi-tech communications company based in Birmingham - plan to start experimenting with a revolutionary convergence program involving pigeons.

UTE, with its newly developed convergence program, is seeking to create the first truly ubiquitous digital network so that everyone, everywhere, can find themselves connected. UTE have decided that one of the areas in the U.K. where full trials will be undertaken is Pwll.



Other areas include two small villages in England and a town in Scotland.

In order to provide the most expansive coverage possible, the trial convergence program has implanted tiny base radio transmitting stations (known as Frail Loops) onto the backs of thousands of pigeons.

"These birds thrive in diverse habitats, from dense cities to unpopulated regions," says Peter Rauber, director of engineering. "They carry with them a dynamic network as they flock and migrate." Thousands of these 'electronically

modified' pigeons will be released in Pwll within the next month or so. "Our goal is to increase revenue opportunities for mobile network operators, application service providers (ASPs), device manufacturers and other stakeholders across the mobile ecosystem", said Mr Rauber.

The principle behind the scheme is that the modified pigeons will disperse throughout the area and provide everyone within a range of 150/200 metres of a pigeon with a digital network connection that their mobile phone, computer and digital TV and radio can tune into. "If successful it will, without doubt, revolutionise telecommunications throughout the world", said Peter Rauber.



Spokesmen for UTE plc and the RSPCA have asked locals to be aware of the pigeons in the area and not cause them any harm or distress. A white ring (engraved with the number 4311) on the right leg with a small transmitter attached to the back will identify the birds.



The Royal Horticultural Society is concerned that a sudden influx of pigeons in an area would create a food shortage unless additional food was made available. Their main concern was that the

pigeons would invade local gardens to supplement the shortage of food that such an injection of pigeons would undoubtedly create. We understand that UTE have no plans to provide additional food for the pigeons. "Pigeons are resourceful birds and will have no difficulty in finding local food," said Mr Rauber.

The Pwll ubiquitous digital networking trials will commence within the next few weeks and should last 6 months. Trials in England and Scotland are planned for 2012.



## THE COW

The friendly cow all red and white,  
I love with all my heart:  
She gives me cream with all her might,  
To eat with apple-tart.

She wanders lowing here and there,  
And yet she cannot stray,  
All in the pleasant open air,  
The pleasant light of day;

And blown by all the winds that pass  
And wet with all the showers,  
She walks among the meadow grass  
And eats the meadow flowers.

*(Stevenson, Robert Louis)*



## DID YOU KNOW...IN NEW YORK

A person may not walk around on a Sunday with an ice-cream in his or her pocket.

It is against the law to throw a ball at someone's head for fun.

While riding an elevator you must talk to no one.

A fine of \$25 can be levied for flirting.

It is illegal to shoot a rabbit from a moving trolley car.

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Bônau Cabbage Patch - I'll waste no time reading it.



## WEALTHY ARAB

A wealthy Arab owned a stable of seventeen horses. When he died he bequeathed the horses to his three sons.

The will stated that the eldest son was to be given one half of the horses, the middle son was to be given one third of the horses, and the youngest son was to be given one ninth of the horses.

The sons were distraught. It was clear to all that the horses could not be divided in this way without making a bloody mess, so they decided to call upon a wise, old friend.

The wise man brought with him another horses, which he added to those in the stable, making a new sum of eighteen horses.

In accordance with the Arab's will, he then gave the eldest son half of them (9 horses), the middle son a third (6 horses) and the youngest son one ninth (2 horses). This made a sum total of seventeen horses, which meant that one horse was left over for the wise man to take back home.

Whatever is begun in anger ends in shame.

## HYPNOTISING!!



Helmut Kichmeier, a hypnotist hypnotised himself as he was practicing in front of a mirror. It took six other hypnotists over 12 hours to bring him back to earth!

## SHOCKING ELECTRICITY BILL



**Danger**  
Electric shock risk

Mrs Alison Turner from Cambridge opened her electricity bill and received an enormous shock. Her bill was a staggering £90,454,217

Mrs Turner was stunned when she opened the bill from her electricity suppliers Npower, particularly since she pays as you go by using a meter. 'I shouldn't even be getting any bills from them because I pay in advance,' she said.

The Bônau Cabbage Patch worked out that to have a bill that large, Npower's 13p per unit tariff, then Alison would have to consume 700 million units to rack up a £90 million bill, which, even if she operated a domestic electric blast furnace consuming 1000 units per day, would take almost 2,000 years. Alison, 50, commented, 'I know electricity bills have gone up recently, but this is ridiculous. I was shocked to say the least.'

We are pleased to pass on to our readers that Npower have since cancelled the bill.

## AND THE GAS BILL ...

Commenting on a complaint from a Mr Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North-West Gas said, 'We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house.'

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

A Ukraine businessman who bought a pager for each member of his staff as a New Year gift was so alarmed when all 50 of them went off at the same time that he drove his car into a lamp post.

After he had assessed the damage to the car, the businessman turned his attention to the message on the 50 pagers. It read: "Congratulations on a successful purchase!"



## ORIGIN OF HACKNEY-COACH STANDS

*On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1639, Mr. Garrard, writing in London to Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, then Lord-lieutenant of Ireland, says:*

"I cannot omit to mention any new thing that comes up amongst us, though never so trivial. Here is one Captain Baily; he hath been a sea-captain, but now lives on the land, about this city, where he tries experiments. He hath erected, according to his ability, some fourhackney-coaches, put his men in a livery, and appointed them to stand at the Maypole in the Strand, giving them instructions at what rate to carry men into several parts of the town, where all day they maybe had. Other hackney-men seeing this way, they flocked to the same place, and performed their journeys at the same rate; so that sometimes there is twenty of them together, which disperse up and down, that they and others are to be had everywhere, as water-men are to be had by the water-side. Everybody is much pleased with it; for, whereas before coaches could not be had but at great rates, now a man may have one much cheaper."

*(© Chamber's Book of Days)*



## Walk on the Wild Side

Some years ago I mentioned about daffodils blooming early at the end of November, well last year at the same residence they were actually flowering as early as Nov 5th quite extraordinary don't you think!



One report from Maes-yr-Haf of a strange but quite tame bird. After some research it was identified as a red-legged partridge, a pretty bird not native to Britain but probably introduced by a local shooting syndicate. At times it would appear at rear of the property



(by the back door) wanting food, you could probably call it a pet partridge! By the end of January it had not been seen for some time, maybe fallen fowl to a fox. The end of the month saw temperatures

plummet to a bone chilling -8.2degrees that's pretty cold for downtown Pwll, during these freezing conditions several sightings of tortoiseshell butterflies were reported at the local primary school and at a nearby drinking establishment, nice and cosy in there, hic, hic.

With most of the country covered with snow I thought at the time that the village would escape the snow but as we vividly remember Friday 17th Dec saw a good covering of snow, which remained for about ten days, far to long. During that second cold spell a resident of nearby Cwmbach village recorded a spine chilling -12 degrees resulting in the river Dulais forming ice sheets!

A few days later saw the A 484 (main road) resembling that old TV western series "The High Chaparral" with a group of horses parading along the highway causing traffic mayhem. The local cavalry were informed (Carmarthen County Council) which then herded the livestock away to the safety of nearby plains (Pwll playing fields). However, the horses returned on Christmas day to be rounded up once again. Those animals were a nuisance to society and we the public were fortunate that they did not cause a serious road accident. One may ask where were the owners or did they actually care about their whereabouts!



Another useful website for you Internet users is [raintoday.co.uk](http://raintoday.co.uk) It actually updates the rainfall falling every 15mins - much better than the graphics seen on the television.

Those short gloomy days are well behind us now as spring is almost sprung, so remember to turn your clocks forward 1 hour on the evening of Mar27th as British summertime commences, hooray! Happy sightseeing, see you all in sunny June?

## THE BODY

(The second instalment of a four-part story by Rebecca F John)

The lack of evidence – DNA, witnesses, CCTV footage – was laughable enough, but the case was upgraded to hysterical by the local papers when the police failed to link not one but all three of their suspects to Old Freddy's death. Not one of them had a motive. They'd all travelled back to Boar-Ring the moment the police had requested it. And they all had alibis for the night in question – even that bloody Griff Owens.

The one and only hope the police had left, therefore, was the Wellington boot; the missing Wellington boot, which they found (the day after they found Old Freddy) on the bank of the lake, where a swan had employed it in her nest building.

Since he was wearing only one of his boots, the police concluded, Old Freddy must have been involved in a struggle before his death. That was why Griff Owens had become their main suspect. He was physically fit, he was young, and – this discovery had excited them so much that they'd cracked open a bottle of wine and drunk a measure each at the station, clinking their glasses together and grinning – he'd been arrested for assault two years earlier.

So he had an alibi, so there was no obvious motive. There was still a chance.

They called him in.

Detective Inspector Davies had taken charge of the case by the time Griff arrived, voluntarily, at the station. He ordered Sergeant Sally Gunner (or Sergeant Sal as the men liked to call her) to take him through for questioning, and announced himself to the room no less than twenty-five



minutes later. That would be enough time to scare him, he'd thought.

But he'd been wrong; Griff had not been scared. And it had been that, rather than his explanations, which had persuaded DI Davies of his innocence. A murderer, he imagined, could not be so calm. But then, a murderer had to be found ...

"You say you went to your brother's, Mr Owens."

"Yeah."

"And might I ask why?"

"He was ill."

"Your brother was ill?"

"Yeah."

"And what was wrong with him?"

"He had the 'flu.'"

DI Davies lifted his hands off the table and straightened up. The stance was one he'd copied from television drama, and it didn't seem to have so much impact in real life. He glanced around the room, taking in the peeling paint and smell of damp. The interrogation rooms on television always managed to incorporate a streak of stainless steel into their design, and it was that, he thought, which made them so menacing. Boar-Ring Police Station was anything but. DI Davies scratched his neck and sighed. It made no difference what was wrong with Griff's brother. Why had he asked that question? He couldn't remember. But then, he must have had a reason, else he wouldn't have asked, would he? He wasn't an idiot.

"And why did he require your assistance in this matter?"

"Well, he didn't, really. I was just ... being helpful. He needed to get his essays in, so I took them for him. And it meant a night in Cardiff instead of here."

"Your brother is a student, Mr Owens?"

"Yes."

"Can anyone verify that?"

"That he's a student?"

"That you took in his essays."

"Yeah. The woman I gave them to at the office. My brother."

"Good. Good," DI Davies concluded, nodding his head thoughtfully. It was Sergeant Sal's turn to speak. DI Davies flicked his eyes at her – permission. Might as well give her a chance.

"On the night of the day before Old ... Mr Fred Meeks' body was discovered, where were you, Mr Owens?"

"What night was it?" Griff asked.

"The night of the 21<sup>st</sup>. Two nights ago."

"At home. No, down the pub first. With Jenks and Jas and Scooter."

Boar-Ring sported only one pub, The Red Lion, and it was most definitely home to only one Scooter: a gangling disaster of a man who never went anywhere without his Staffordshire bull terrier, Razor; a female, whose shoulders were broader than her owner's.

And so the police didn't need to ask for any further detail; they didn't need to take the name of the landlord or the address of the pub. Already familiarity was imposing on their investigation, and it had thrown Sergeant Sal a little. She was there to *question*, wasn't she? But what could she ask that she didn't know the answer to.

DI Davies swooped in to help her.

"Can anyone verify that?" he asked.

"Jenks. Jas. Scooter. The bloke at The Red."

"Good. Good," DI Davies replied. "Because, you see Mr Owens, I don't *want* to put you away for murder. I really don't. It's just that, well, you seem like the only reasonable suspect ... what with your previous troubles."

And finally DI Davies got what he wanted. He saw fear leak into Griff's eyes, like water down a drainpipe, in a storm, in Wales, in January, in the middle of the soggiest night that sorry month ever saw.

Don Davies wanted to laugh, he wanted to shout and dance and cheer.

"Now," he said, settling his hands back on the table and leaning forward again. "About that Wellington boot ..."

Two days later and Griff was back in The Red Lion with Scooter.

"I'm telling you, mate. It's not innocent until proven guilty these days. Can't rely on it. Got to *prove* yourself *innocent*." He raised his pint as though he was saluting the idea, and with the other hand, patted Razor's head.

"Come on, Scoot. Don't. This is serious."

"I'm being serious. Look at what happened to Phil."

Phil, Phil, Phil. Griff squinted as he considered the name. Did he know anyone called ...

"He was a *character*, Scoot! A *soap character*. That's hardly the same -"

"Point stands," Scooter muttered. "Point stands."

"Maybe."

Griff took a sip of his pint. He didn't really want it. But he didn't really want to go home and worry about this stuff alone, either.

"I say we go over there tonight, take a look around -"

"Over where?"

"Old Freddy's," said Scooter. "We need to know what we're dealing with."

"What? Break in? That's going to look really good -"

"Who's going to know? Have you seen his place? Total mess. Nobody'd know if there was a whole football team living in there."



"But the police will have been there already."

"Yeah. Looking for something incriminating, not something unincriminating."

"Unincriminating isn't a word."

"It is now. What do you think?"

Not knowing what to say, Griff laughed. There was no way he could break in; it would only make the situation worse; the police were obviously out to get him. But what other options did he have? None. He'd just have to stay sensible until the whole thing blew over.

"What did you tell them you went to Cardiff for?" Scooter asked after a long silence.

"My brother was ill."

"What did you really go to Cardiff for?"

"Girl."

"Ooooooh," Scooter whooped; his best impression of the opposite sex. "What girl was that then? Who -"

"Never mind the girl, Scooter."

Griff swayed dangerously as he attempted to tuck the unruly ends of his shirt back into his jeans. Scooter giggled girlishly at his side. In the dark, the house looked as though it had been condemned; the exact kind of building you didn't (under any circumstances) enter in a horror film, because there was always a ghoul behind you, waiting to lock the door. Not that Griff was expecting to find anything horror-filmy inside. It was just the feeling he got. Dread. Seven pints never do alleviate feelings of dread.

Turning to his right, Griff saw a car reverse out of a driveway and held his breath. One Mississippi. Two Mississippi. Three Mississippi. Four ... The headlights flashed like an amber traffic light as it rounded the corner. Go or stop, which was it to be? In the other direction, the road narrowed and withered into nothing more than a muddy track.

Old Freddy's was the last house on the street. Beyond it, the woods glowered at the two first-time burglars standing in the middle of one of Boar-Ring's seven official roads, tree branches angled like the angry eyebrows of a severe school teacher.

Scooter had finally brought his hysterics under control.

"Right," he said, "we'll start with the front door mat. People hide all sorts of things under their door mats."

"How do you know that?" Griff asked.

"Just do. Doesn't matter. Come on."

They crept up the front path and as they reached the mat, Scooter bent down, plucked up a corner between thumb and forefinger, mimed a 'Sssssh' at Griff, and whipped it aside ... then screamed as a thousand woodlice scuttled away like little legged bullets.

"Good start," Griff moaned.

"Come on," Scooter returned, rolling his eyes.

They'd picked a route all the way through to Old Freddy's bedroom, and directly through most of Griff's nerves, before they uncovered anything useful. A letter. They held it like a winning lottery ticket. Something was scrawled on the envelope in a shaky old hand. Griff used the light of his phone to read it by.

"Dear Accused," he read.

*(To be continued).*

*(Any resemblance to any person living or dead in this work of fiction is purely co-incidental)*

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## DID YOU KNOW

**A** cat has 32 muscles in each ear

**A**n ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

**T**igers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

## What's in a Name?

### WHAT'S IN A NAME

- Lázló Bíró (1899-1985) - Ball point pen  
Robert Wilhelm Eberhardt Bunsen (1811-1899) - The Bunsen burner  
Rudolf Christian Karl Diesel (1858-1913) - The Diesel engine  
George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr. (1859-1896) - The Ferris Wheel  
Dr Joseph-Ignace Guillotin (1738-1814) - The Guillotine  
W. H. "Boss" Hoover - (1849-1932) The vacuum cleaner  
John Loudon McAdam (1756-1836) - Tarmac  
John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich (1718-1792) - The Sandwich  
Henry Shrapnel (1761-1842) - The Shrapnel shell  
Luigi Galvani (1737-1798) - Galvanising

### DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that the Tower of London castle complex in fact consists of 21 different towers? One is called the Salt Tower and it is possible that this expensive commodity was traditionally stored in this building. In medieval Britain, only the higher nobility could afford salt. The Lords sat on the dais at the 'high table' and the lower classes at lower trestle tables. The salt was placed in the centre of the high table and only those of the appropriate rank had access to it. Those less favoured on the lower tables were "beneath the salt".

### MONRO WALTERS - PUBLIC ADDRESS AT THE MILLENNIUM

The Millennium Stadium in Cardiff is one of the world's most famous and iconic stadiums. It hosted four International rugby matches in November 2010, and two of those games had a distinct local flavour.

Pwll resident **Monro Walters** was approached by the Welsh Rugby Union to take the PA (Public Address) at the Wales v South Africa game on November 13th and two weeks later the Wales v New Zealand match on 27th.

He had to be at the stadium between 4-5 hours before kick off in order to be briefed and prepare before hand with other staff members. His job involved keeping the public informed before and during the game, including team announcements, substitutions, scores and general items of interest.

Monro also handles the Public Address at all Scarlet's games, and has done for the last fifteen years involving Magners League and Heineken Cup. He also does the PA at Stebonheath Park for Llanelli AFC games (the Reds) in the Principality Premiership and also soccer Internationals and Welsh Cup finals either at Stebo or Parc y Scarlets. He is also the voice on the Carmarthenshire Theatres Information line.

This has not been his only stint at the Millennium Stadium. He was called upon in the 2005/6 season and was handed four games, including two international matches, namely Wales v Romania and Wales v Japan.

Any good looking person you see that isn't alone, will be accompanied by a person of the opposite sex who doesn't deserve to be with them.



### EGLWYS Y DRINDOD SANCTAIDD HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, PWLL

A leading politician once suggested that clergy should give up politics for Lent. It's a time when Christians remember how Jesus went out into the wilderness and prayed about the role that he was going to live out in Palestine. After 40 days, he would begin on a very public ministry that would take him right to the centre of his country's capital city – to the heart of the political arena in Jerusalem – where he would be put to death by occupying forces.

The difficulty about giving up politics for Lent – which would in itself be a relief for some of us – is that we would have to give up praying as well. Concern for socio-political issues grows out of our prayers. There is a perception by many politicians that politics is their domain whilst religion is the domain of the clergy. This is a disastrous approach. Politics is too important to be left to politicians and likewise religion is too important to be left to the clergy.

But politics is not synonymous with party politics. And thank God. As I write, we are in the season of the Epiphany when we celebrate the arrival of the three wise men in Bethlehem. There must have been some bickering amongst them on the journey but the fact is that they successfully arrived at their destination – together. I wonder if their achievement, through a desire for the common good, might inspire the three wise men Cameron, Milliband and Clegg?

Maybe I'm just too simplistic but it just seems to me that more time is spent trying to show that party A, B or C had been and would be right and their rivals wrong than on reaching a consensus about best policy for the good of all, especially the poor and marginalised. Maybe it's easy to stand on

the edge and criticise but these wise men point to something that is hugely lacking in society – wisdom – which is so wrongfully confused with intelligence.

My very favourite shop in the world is the Apple Store in Regent Street (I've only been there twice!). I love anything that apple make - although I haven't got an iphone. But apple, though unfortunate branding, does remind me of one of the problems with politics. The iPhone, iCal, iWeb, iTunes, is very iCentred. I is, of course, at the centre of sln and is the opposite of wisdom. Through the trinity, Christianity teaches that wisdom is always a possession of community.

As this country tries to scramble itself out of quite a mess, let us pray for wisdom. Firstly, for our politicians that they may work together for the common good, listening to each other and recognising the common journey that unties them. But secondly for ourselves. For politics takes place as much in Pwll as it does in Parliament. Lets continue to lead the way in being a caring community that acts as one united family, listening to and looking out for each other.

Humility may not win elections, but it's certainly essential for wise men because fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Wishing you all a blessed Lent and a Happy Easter

*Asewer Paul+*

R Paul Davies - Vicar of Pwll

Love is the person you think about during the sad song.

## Eglwys Y Drindod Sanctaidd Holy Trinity Church

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES IN HOLY TRINITY

#### Palm Sunday (17 April)

0900 The Eucharist of Palm Sunday and Blessing of Palms

#### Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week (18, 19, 20 April)

1930 Compline

#### Maundy Thursday (21 April)

1930 Commemoration of the Last Supper & Stripping of the Altar

#### Good Friday (22 April)

1400 The Last Hour

#### Easter Day (24 April)

0900 The Easter Eucharist  
1700 Festal Evensong

### FROM THE REGISTERS...

Holy Trinity mourned the loss of two dear characters towards the end of last year.

MARIA BONNELL was featured in the Summer 2009 edition of the *Bonau Cabbage* on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was one of Pwll's oldest residents having been born in the village on 6 March 1919 in Conwil House, New Road. She met her husband Joe Bonnell at a concert in Holy Trinity Church Hall and the two of them lived in Pwll (with the exception of hospital stays) all their lives. Maria's funeral service was held in Holy Trinity on 11 November at 11 o'clock – a time we will always remember. A large number of people turned out to pay their respects to one who was highly

regarded in the village. We extend our deepest sympathy to Gaynor and the family.

OLIVE WILLIAMS had lived in Pwll for over 30 years. She and her late husband (the Revd Glyn-Alun Williams) moved to the village following Glyn Alun's retirement as Vicar of Cwmann in 1972. Since that time, Olive has been very active in the village, particularly in Holy Trinity and the Women's Institute. She was a larger than life character with great warmth and sense of humour. Olive's funeral service was held in Holy Trinity on Christmas Eve when a large crowd came to pay their respects and give thanks for her life. We shall all miss her little red polo through the village and her ample supply of hugs!

Our visions begin with our desires.

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Most meetings take place in Holy Trinity Church or Church Hall at 7.00pm on the first Monday of the month. There is a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along to a meeting. For further details of Mothers' Union activities, or to check the venue for a particular meeting, please contact Branch Leader Margaret Howells on 752025.

Dates and speakers for the next few months include:

7 February – The Revd Michael Wheatley  
7 March – Mrs Anna Bement  
4 April – To be confirmed  
3 May – Speaker from Plant Dewi  
6 June – Visit to the Pottery in Pembrey



### EGLWYS LIBANUS

Oedfa ar fore Sul am 10 o'r gloch.

Oedfa Gymun unwaith y mis a'r Suliau yn amrywio.

Ysgol Sul y Plant yn ystod yr Oedfa.

Bydd **Sul Y Gymanfa** ar 6 Mawrth 2011 yng Nghapel Moriah. Oedfa'r Plant yn y bore am 10.30, ac Oedolion am 6.00pm. Yr Aweinydd Gwadd yw Mr Alun Guy, Caerdydd. Yr Organydd – Mr R Allan Fewster, M.B.E.

**Y Gymdeithas** – Bydd y Gymdeithas yn ail-ddechrau miss Mawrth yn y festri ar Nos Lun am 7 o'r gloch ar ol ysbaid dros dywydd garw dechrau'r flwyddyn. Diolch i Deryth a'r swyddodion sy'n trefnu.

**Oedfa Arbennig** – Bu Sul, 23 Ionawr, yn un arbennig i blant a phobl infanc yr Eglwys a'r gynulleidfa gyfan. Dyma'r cyfle cyntaf i ail-drefnu Sul Nadolig y Plant a drama'r Geni. Er yn ychydig wythnosau yn hwyr 'roedd yn werth aros am wefr y gwasanaeth dan arweiniad Cathryn Clement ag athrawon y festri. Diolch yn fawr i bawb.

**Cymorth Cristnogol** – Pwyllgor y Pwll yn cyfarfod yn festri Libanus. Bydd Oedfa Undebol Wythnos Cymorth Cristnogol yn Libanus eleni – Nos Lun, 17 Mai 2011. Croeso cynnes i bawb.

**Support for Romania.** Gair o ddiolch am rhoddion tuag at Focsis Nadolig y Plant ac am bob cymorth i'w pacio a'u paratoi. Erbyn hyn mae'r anrhegion wedi eu dosbarthu a'r lorriau yn nol yn ddiogel. Byddwn yn anfon **Wyau Pasg** (maint Cadbury Cream Eggs) eleni eto a'r casgliad ar **3ydd o Ebrill**, yn festri Libanus rhwng **11.00. a 11.30.** – efallau mae eleni fydd y cyfle olaf oherwydd newidiadau gyda'r elusen.

Byddwn yn **casglu dillad ac esgidiau** dechrau mis Mai, **ar Sul, 8fed o Fai 2011 – rhwng 11.00 a 11.30.** yn festri Libanus eto. Wnewch chwi gadw dillad dynion,

menywod a phlant arwahan os gwelwch yn dda a dangos ar y cwdyn pa ddillad sydd ynddo. Diolch. Unrhyw ymholiadau i – Rhifau ffon – 01554 758023 a 01554 810640 a 01554 759771

### CHRISTIAN AID



The Christian Aid united Carol Service at the beginning of December was fraught with inclement weather. We were relieved that the Service was being held in Bethlehem Chapel – we would have had to cancel or postpone had it been otherwise as the hills were icy and too dangerous. We would like to thank the officials of Bethlehem for clearing the pathway to the door making it safe for everyone. Although the congregation was understandably less than usual the Spirit of Worship was warm and we received many blessings for being present. Although we were unable to arrange the Traidcraft Stall the collection for Christian Aid amounted to £200. Thank you very much.

Christian Aid Week Service will be held at Libanus Chapel this year on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 at 7.00 pm and we look forward to being able to worship as a village once more. All being well there will be a Traidcraft stall selling Fair Trade Goods in the vestry after the service. We extend a warm welcome to everyone in the village. Please come and join us and support the work the charity which responds to major disasters and helps

the very poor of the world regardless of colour, creed or religious belief to rebuild their lives and be able to support themselves and their families. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

For further information on Christian Aid please contact any member of the committee or telephone. Contact Nos:- 01554 772441 or 01554 758023. Thank you.

The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.



## SUPPORT FOR ROMANIA

The Christmas Shoe boxes left in good time for Christmas and the lorries distributed over 7,000 boxes from the South Wales area, returning safely after a difficult trip because of the weather. We collected more than ever this year despite rising prices. Thank you to all the churches that supported us. We gratefully received bicycles again and bags of soft toys. Many thanks for thinking about us.

Our next venture will be **EASTER EGGS** – the Cadbury Cream Egg Size – and we will be collecting these at **Libanus Vestry on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011, between 11am and 11.30 am** if you wish to be part of the venture. This may be the last time we are able to send Easter Eggs due to changes to the charity.

There will be a **NEARLY NEW CLOTHES AND SHOE COLLECTION** too at the beginning of May – **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 between 11am and 11.30am at Libanus Vestry**. Would you keep the men's,

women's and children's clothing and shoes separately and label bags clearly with the contents please. We will still accept bicycles, spectacles, toys and medical supplies at any time.

Thank you.

For further details or queries please contact 01554 758023 or 01554 810640 or 01554 7597771



## DID YOU KNOW

The European Union has banned more than 1,100 chemicals from

cosmetics. The United States has banned just 10.

Women make up 49% of the world population.

MasterCard was originally called MasterCharge

Some 160 billion emails are sent daily – more than 2 million per second – by 1.2 billion email senders. 97% of all e-mails is spam.

Eskimos use refrigerators to keep food from freezing

The names of all the continents end with the letter they start with.

On every continent there is a city called Rome.

The oldest inhabited city is Damascus, Syria.

The other queue always moves faster until you get in it.



## PWLL W.I.

In January Eve Lake the President welcomed members to the first meeting of 2011. Members paid respects with a one minute silence to two members Olive Williams and Marion Seaward who both passed away suddenly in December. Olive was a staunch member of the W.I. for over 60 years holding the posts of County Chairman, County Secretary and W.I. Adviser including a member of various County committees. They will be sadly missed.

The programme for the year was discussed and is as follows:

- Jan 26 History of the Salvation Army
- Feb 9 Business meeting
- Feb 23 Our 27<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Evening meal
- Mrch 9 Business meeting
- Mrch 23 Noel Rees – The Theatre
- April 13 Business meeting
- April 27 Easter outing – Clyne Gardens and Mumbles
- May 11 Business meeting
- May 25 Mair Stephens – Scarves
- June 8 Business meeting
- June 22 Gill Price – Work of a magistrate
- July 13 Evening out
- Sept 14 Business meeting
- Sept 28 Gavin Evans – Old Carmarthen
- Oct 12 Business meeting
- Oct 26 Joanne Morris – Chocolate delights
- Nov 9 AGM
- Nov 23 Lorna Locke – Crafts
- Dec 14 Christmas dinner

Other important dates for the year are:  
 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April – Eve of Conference entertainment in Elli Theatre  
 20<sup>th</sup> April – Federation of Wales Conference in the Selwyn Samuel Centre, Llanelli  
 9<sup>th</sup> July – 'W.I. Show' in Laugharne. Theme this year is 'The Circus.'

28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October - Carmarthenshire Federation week-end in Denman College, Oxfordshire

The difference between love and the common cold is that for the common cold there is a vaccine.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

In February, a one-armed man stole a single cufflink from a shop in Leigh-on-Sea, and in March, a one-legged man stole a single Nike trainer shoe from a store in Barnsley. The one-armed man is still loose, but the one-legged man was arrested.

Inmate Carlos Medina-Bailon, who was awaiting trial on drug-trafficking charges in Texas, escaped in July by hiding in the jail's garbage-collection system. His body was found later the same day under tonnes of trash in a landfill.

An inventor recently began offering a colourful patch designed to cover the area just below a dog's tail. The "Rear Gear" can be purchased on the internet.

In Australia, a 51-year-old man was caught shoplifting, witnessed by security staff putting three limes and a packet of beef tongue in his trousers. When cornered, the man pulled out an additional two onions, three trays of rump steaks and a packet of lamb chops.

The owner of a restaurant in Arizona got upset that people were questioning his decision to sell burgers made with lion meat.



## EXCERPTS FROM A CAT'S DIARY

DAY 752 - My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while I am forced to eat dry cereal. The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of escape, and the mild satisfaction I get from ruining the occasional piece of furniture. Tomorrow I may eat another houseplant.

DAY 761 - Today my attempt to kill my captors by weaving around their feet while they were walking almost succeeded, must try this at the top of the stairs. In an attempt to disgust and repulse these vile oppressors, I once again induced myself to vomit on their favourite chair...must try this on their bed.

DAY 765 - Decapitated a mouse and brought them the headless body, in attempt to make them aware of what I am capable of, and to try to strike fear into their hearts. They only cooed and condescended about what a good little cat I was...Hmmm. Not working according to plan.

DAY 768 - I am finally aware of how sadistic they are. For no good reason I was chosen for the water torture. This time however it included a burning foamy chemical called "shampoo." What sick minds could invent such a liquid? My only consolation is the piece of thumb still stuck between my teeth.

DAY 771 - There was some sort of gathering of their accomplices. I was placed in solitary throughout the event. However, I could hear the noise and smell the foul odour of the glass tubes they call "beer". More importantly I overheard that my confinement was due to MY power of "allergies." Must learn what this is and how to use it to my advantage.

DAY 774 - I am convinced the other captives are flunkies and maybe snitches. The dog is routinely released and seems more than happy to return. He is obviously

a half-wit. The bird on the other hand has got to be an informant, and speaks with them regularly. I am certain he reports my every move. Due to his current placement in the metal room his safety is assured.

But I can wait; it is only a matter of time...



## EXCERPTS FROM A DOG'S DIARY

(A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A DOG)

Day number 80

- 8:00 am - Oh Boy!!! Dog food! My favourite!
- 9:30 am - Oh Boy!!! A car ride! My favourite!
- 9:40 am - Oh Boy!!! A Walk!!! My favourite!
- 10:30 am - Oh Boy!!! A car ride! My favourite!
- 11:30 am - Oh Boy!!! Dog food! My favourite!
- Noon - Oh Boy!!! The kids! My favourite!
- 1:00 pm - Oh Boy!!! The back garden! My favourite!
- 4:00 pm - Oh Boy!!! The kids! My favourite!
- 5:00 pm - Oh Boy!!! Dog food! My favourite!
- 5:30 pm - Oh Boy!!! My master! My favourite!!



## KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOUR

Being a knight in armor sounds romantic, but it also was very expensive. A knight had a support team of two or three squires who had to be paid. Weapons and armour were tailor-made, thus extremely expensive. And the most expensive item, a knight's horse, cost the equivalent of what a luxury car costs today. Only the wealthiest persons could afford a horse. And that's why horse racing is called *the sport of kings*.

The chivalry of the knight was not without education. The training of a knight began at the age of 7 when he was taken from his home and sent to the castle of some famous nobleman. At the age of 14, he became a squire, learning to handle sword and lance and to bear the weight of the heavy armour. At age 21, if he had acquitted himself well as page and squire, he was made a knight.

Knights were taught to honor the Christian church, to respect women, and to devote their lives to the service of a lady. So, come on guys, get the armor out of the cupboard!



## NUMBER HIERARCHY

Million, billion, trillion, quadrillion, quintillion, sextillion, septillion, octillion, nonillion, decillion, undecillion, duodecillion, tredecillion, quatuordecillion, uindecillion, sexdecillion, septendecillion, octodecillion, novemdecillion, vigintillion.

The schools of the country are its future in miniature.



## AN EARTHQUAKE

May 21, 1382, 'There was a great earthquake in England, at nine of the clock, fearing the hearts of many; but in Kent it was most vehement, where it sunk some churches and threw them down no the earth.' - *Stow's Chronicles*.

A song written at the time upon this earthquake has been preserved, and must be considered as something of a curiosity. It treats the matter as a great warning to an over-careless people.

'And also when this earth quake,  
Was none so proud he n'as aghast,  
And all his jollity forsook,  
And thought on God while that it last ;  
And as soon as it was over-past,  
Men wox as evil as they dead are ;  
Each man in his heart may cast,  
This was a warning to beware.

Forsooth, this was a lord to dread,  
So suddenly made men aghast,  
Of gold and silver they took none heed,  
But out of their houses full soon they passed ;

Chambers , chimneys, all to burst  
Churches and castles foul'gan fare ;  
Pinnacles, steeples to ground it cast,  
And all for warning to beware.

Sickerly I dare well say,  
In such a plight this world is in,  
Mony for winning would betray  
Father and mother and all his kin.  
Now it were high time to begin  
To amend our lives and well to fare ;  
Our bag hangeth on a slippery pin,  
But we of this warning beware.'

(Robert Chambers - *The Book of Days*)

PWLL ACTION COMMITTEE  
**Bonau Cabbage Patch**  
 MIDSUMMER PRIZE DRAW 2010

PRIZES ALREADY DONATED INCLUDE:  
 AMERICAN GIRL  
 WOODEN GARDEN ORNAMENT (Pwll Post Office)  
 3 BOTTLES OF WINE  
 £25 TESCO VOUCHER  
 + MANY MANY MORE PRIZES

£25 AGSA VOUCHER  
 £25 MARRIAGE SPONSOR VOUCHER  
 20p  
 £1.00  
 BOOK OF 5

Draw to take place on 24th June 2010. Promoter: The Committee. Approved under the Lotteries & Amusements Act 1968 and Carmarthenshire County Council.

**BÔNAU  
 CABBAGE  
 PATCH  
 ANNUAL  
 RAFFLE**

To help with the costs of printing and distributing this magazine we are again holding our annual mid-summer raffle. The money we have raised in previous raffles covers the cost of publishing one edition. The other three editions are funded by our sponsors (the advertisers), public donations and grant funding from Llanelli Rural Council. We are extremely grateful for the help and contribution we receive from these sources to help to keep this magazine alive.

We have a small band of volunteers who will be tramping the village over the coming months knocking on your door and asking you if you would like to buy some raffle tickets. Please give generously. The tickets cost £1 per book of five tickets. The draw will be made on Midsummer's Day.

We would like to thank all the people who have so generously donated prizes towards this raffle and we are always looking for more kindhearted people to donate more prizes for the raffle. **We need your help to keep the magazine afloat.** Thank you for your support.



**STEAMY AFFAIRS**

There are three steam locomotive excursions scheduled for May this year: -

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – The Pembrokeshire Coast Express. Bristol to Pembroke Dock with locomotive No 6024 officiating (pictured).

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – The Cathedrals Explorer. Oxenholme (Lake District) to

Carmarthen with locomotives No 44871 and No 45407 officiating.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May** – The Southern Irishman. Birmingham International to Fishguard Harbour with locomotive No 5029 officiating.

I regard golf as an expensive way of playing marbles.



**WHERE THE  
 UNION FLAG  
 STILL FLIES**

The once mighty British Empire has long since been reduced to a series of insignificant island outposts in obscure corners of the planet. But the remaining British Overseas Territories and crown dependencies aren't just about flying the Union flag and providing diplomats with nice beaches to pretend to work from - a lot of them have something to offer for the visitor as well. Here is a list of where the Union flag still flies: -

- Anguilla (The Caribbean)
- Pitcairn Island (South Pacific)
- British Virgin Islands (The Caribbean)
- Channel Islands (English Channel)
- Turks & Caicos Islands (The Caribbean)
- Falkland Islands (South Atlantic)
- Cayman Islands (the Caribbean)
- St Helena (Southern Atlantic Ocean)
- Montserrat (The Caribbean)
- Isle of Man (Irish Sea)
- Bermuda (Atlantic Ocean)
- Gibraltar (Southern tip of Spain)

The best way to loose a good girlfriend is to have your wife find out about her.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**



Dear Stuart,

Please find enclosed a small donation towards the Bônau magazine. It's very interesting and entertaining.

N.M. Llanelli

Stuart,

Thanks to my auntie I'm an avid (and overseas) reader of The Bônau Cabbage Patch. Here is a small contribution in return for the enjoyment it gives me.

Keep it going. Thanks.

C.B. – Netherlands

Dear Peter,

Please find enclosed a donation towards the Bônau Cabbage Patch.

May we wish you and The Committee continued success with the magazine.

We take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Regards

Mr & Mrs P. – Pwll

Dear Peter

Thank you for sending me The Bônau Cabbage Patch. I am looking forward to the December edition.

I attend two craft classes, and all the other members are waiting for it too. They think it's wonderful and think it should be printed every month.

I enclose a donation and hope you have many more to help you carry on the good work you do.

Yours faithfully  
 BJ - Canada

*(Thank you all for the compliments and the contributions. They are both very much appreciated. – Ed)*

**POSTAGE STAMPS**



of origin.

Great Britain was the first county to issue postage stamps, on 1 May 1840. Hence, UK stamps are the only stamps in the world not to bear the name of the country

Just because nobody disagrees with you doesn't necessarily mean you're brilliant - maybe you're the boss.

**DAI AND THE RABBI**



Dai goes to see the Rabbi and says, "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it." The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?" Dai replied, "My wife is poisoning me."

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, and asks, "How can that be?" Dai then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me, what should I do?"

The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later the Rabbi calls Dai and says, "Well, I spoke to your wife. I spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?" Dai replied that he did. The Rabbi replied, "Take the poison!"

Romance is when common sense flies out of the window.



## SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS

Over the years, parents and teachers have been shocked and amused by pupils' exam howlers. Here we continue our series with some more: -

### GENERAL STUDIES

- ◇ As he walked through his room he heard the sound of heavy breathing.
- ◇ In the Middle Ages people lived in mud huts with rough mating on the floor.
- ◇ The 19<sup>th</sup>-century was when people stopped reproducing by hand and started reproducing by machine.
- ◇ Madame Pompadour gained in power while being placed under the king.
- ◇ Merchants appeared and roamed from town to town exposing themselves and organising big fairs in the countryside.
- ◇ The Mona Lisa was the most beautiful woman even to be laid on canvas.
- ◇ The census taker is a man who goes from house to house increasing the population.
- ◇ Gonads are a tribe of wandering desert people.
- ◇ Adolescence is the stage between puberty and adultery.

### RELIGION

- ◇ The Jews were a proud people, but always had trouble with unsympathetic Genitals.
- ◇ Solomon had 300 wives and 700 cucumbers.
- ◇ The Papal bull was a mad bull kept by the Pope in the Inquisition to trample on Protestants.
- ◇ The Philistines are islands in the Pacific.
- ◇ The end of the world will make a turning point in everyone's life.
- ◇ The natives of Macedonia did not believe in Paul, so he got stoned.
- ◇ Pompeii was destroyed by an overflow of saliva from the Vatican.

## SOLOMON GRUNDY

Solomon Grundy,  
 Born on a Monday,  
 Christened on Tuesday,  
 Married on Wednesday,  
 Took ill on Thursday,  
 Grew worse on Friday,  
 Died on Saturday,  
 Buried on Sunday.  
 This is the end  
 Of Solomon Grundy.



## FIFA WORLD CUP FAIR PLAY AWARDS

1970	Peru
1978	Argentina
1982	Brazil
1986	Brazil
1990	England
1994	Brazil
1998	England, France
2002	Belgium
2006	Spain, Brazil
2010	Spain



## PEOPLE AND THEIR PHOBIAS

- George Washington - Taphephobia (fear of being buried alive)
- Woody Allen - Panophobia (fear of pretty much everything)
- Richard Nixon - Nosocomophobia (fear of hospitals)
- Alfred Hitchcock - Ovophobia (fear of eggs)
- Sigmund Freud - Hoplophobia (fear of weapons)



Some of you may know that I absolutely "love" snow! When it falls so quietly from the sky and lands so gently on the ground, I find myself watching in complete awe at the beauty that results from this- the white fields - the way the snow lands and stays even on a clothes line! - how delicate - how amazing - how mysterious. Now I'm sure that quite a few of you will read this and say " how ridiculous - snow is a problem- it's dirty and cold etc..." Well part of me may agree with you, because as I write this article, - it's the 6th January - my mind reflects on the fact that 2010 ended on a very cold note - snow, ice, freezing temperatures, disruptive travel, families separated at Christmas due to the weather conditions etc... Yes it was bad, and we (as I know many others did) at Bethlehem had to make the decision not to hold any services over the Christmas period - it was simply too dangerous for many to leave their homes and drive/walk to chapel. I have never experienced this before and I must admit it felt very strange- something was missing from the Christmas celebrations.

However, I'm hoping that by the time this magazine reaches you the weather will have changed with longer hours of daylight along with some sunshine to brighten your day.

At Bethlehem we have made one change to our services, the **ENGLISH service** is now on the **2nd Sunday** of each month at **3.30pm**. All other services are in **WELSH** at the same time of **3.30pm**

**Tuesday mornings at 10.30am** the **SISTERHOOD** meet in the vestry for coffee

and a chat - do come along - you will be made very welcome.

**3rd Wednesday** of every month in the **vestry - COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING with BIBLE STUDY at 6.30pm**. Everyone is welcome.

Minister Reverend Carys Awen Jones BTh. 01554 771252.

What is done to children, they will do to society.

## FOR A MONUMENT IN THE VALE OF EWIAS

Here was it, Stranger, that the Patron  
 Saint  
 Of Cambria passed his age of penitence,  
 A solitary man; and here he made  
 His hermitage, the roots his food, his drink  
 Of Hodney's mountain stream. Perchance  
 thy youth  
 Has read, with eager wonder, how the  
 knight  
 Of Wales, in Ormandine's enchanted  
 bower,  
 Slept the long sleep: and if that in thy veins  
 Flow the pure blood of Britain, sure that  
 blood  
 Hath flowed with quicker impulse at the tale  
 Of DAVID's deeds, when thro' the press of  
 war  
 His gallant comrades followed his green  
 crest  
 To conquest stranger! Hatterill's mountain  
 heights  
 And this fair vale of Ewias, and the stream  
 Of Rodney, to thine after-thoughts will rise  
 More grateful, thus associate with the name  
 Of David, and the deeds of other days.'

*Robert Southey (1744-1843)*



## PWLL FOOTBALL CLUB

League positions as at 21<sup>st</sup> January 2011



## PWLL CRICKET

Fixtures 2011 season

### First XI

April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Britton Ferry	(H)
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dyffryn	(A)
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cimla	(A)
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Landore	(H)
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Llandysul	(A)
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Porthcawl	(H)
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hills Plymouth	(A)
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Baglan	(H)
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bronwydd	(H)
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Britton Ferry	(A)
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Dyffryn	(H)
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cimla	(H)
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Landore	(A)
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Llandysul	(H)
Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	Porthcawl	(A)
Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>	Hills Plymouth	(H)
Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	Baglan	(A)
Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bronwydd	(A)

(Second XI matches are reverse of above)

Every man takes the limit of his own field of vision for the limits of the world.

### A MATTER OF HEIGHT

Football Crossbar	2.44m	(8ft)
Rugby Union Crossbar	3.05m	(10ft)
Cricket wickets	71.1cm	(28")
Basketball Basket	3.05m	(10 ft)
Netball Basket	3.05m	(10ft)
Lawn Tennis Net	0.91m	(3 ft)
Badminton Net	1.52m	(5 ft)
Dartboard Bull (centre)	1.73m	(68")
Table Tennis Net	15.25cm	(6")
Volleyball Net	2.43m	(83.5")
Hockey Crossbar	2.14m	(7ft)
Lacrosse Crossbar	1.82m	(6ft)

Unfortunately, in America, the right to carry a gun doesn't include the right to shoot the ignorant.

## PWLL OF YESTERYEAR



Poachers Rest, 1980



Hendy?



Pwll Carnival 1983



## A 19th CENTURY PARADOXICAL POEM

Ten weary, footsore travellers,  
All in a woeful plight,  
Sought shelter at a wayside inn  
One dark and stormy night.

'Nine rooms, no more,' the landlord said  
'Have I to offer you.

To each of eight a single bed,  
But the ninth must serve for two.'

A din arose. The troubled host  
Could only scratch his head,  
For of those tired men not two  
Would occupy one bed.

The puzzled host was soon at ease -  
He was a clever man -  
And so to please his guests devised  
This most ingenious plan.

In a room marked A two men were placed,  
The third was lodged in B,  
The fourth to C was then assigned,  
The fifth retired to D.

In E the sixth he tucked away,  
In F the seventh man.  
The eighth and ninth in G and H,  
And then to A he ran,

Wherein the host, as I have said,  
Had laid two travellers by;  
Then taking one - the tenth and last -  
He logged him safe in I.

Nine single rooms - a room for each -  
Were made to serve for ten;  
And this it is that puzzles me  
And many wiser men.

Whoever has lived long enough to  
find out what life is, knows how  
deep a debt of gratitude we owe  
to Adam, the first great benefactor  
of our race. He brought death into  
the world.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

A British man who was run over by a bus  
faced a second shock after he received a  
bill for repairing the damaged vehicle.

First Leicester's Insurance manager Tony  
Lambell said: "This accident happened  
because Mr. Green was not looking where  
he was going."

Success usually comes to those  
who are too busy to be looking for it.

## UNCLEAR SIGNS OF THE YEAR



## FOODS TO HELP HAY FEVER SUFFERER



**Beta Carotene** - When it comes to finding beta-carotene, opt for yellow, orange and red foods. Foods such as carrots, peppers, pumpkin, squash and sweet potatoes are all rich in beta-carotene.

**Tea** - You should drink plenty of fluids if you're suffering from hay fever as it helps to wash away the allergens. Green and chamomile tea are particularly good; green tea contains powerful antioxidants and an ingredient that is a natural antihistamine. Chamomile is not only an anti-inflammatory and helps to ease allergy symptoms, but it's also a relaxant and so it can help calm anxiety and insomnia, which are often brought on by hay fever.

**Magnesium** - Eating three bananas helps relieve hay fever symptoms.

**Nettle Leaf Tea** - Soothes itchy eyes and sneezing, as it's a natural antihistamine and anti-inflammatory.

**Omega 3 Fatty Acids** - An anti-inflammatory so they can help relieve hay fever symptoms such as a runny nose or streaming eyes.



**Root Ginger** - This hot and spicy root slows down histamine production, it also has mild anti-inflammatory effects and is a decongestant.

**Garlic** - Garlic is another must-have item because it has anti-inflammatory and decongestant properties.

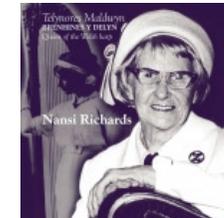
**Vitamin C** - Vitamin C is a natural antihistamine. High doses of the vitamin can help reduce sensitivity to allergens, inflammation and mucus production.

**Elderflower** - This shrub has anti-catarhal, anti-inflammatory and anti-viral properties.

It helps prevent the build up of mucus and is an immune booster so will increase your resistance to allergens like pollen.



**Honey** - Honey itself contains very small quantities of pollen and so eating a teaspoon of it a day is thought to desensitise your body to its effects.



## QUEEN OF THE HARP

Nansi Richards Jones (1888 - 1979) of Penybontfawr, Oswestry, was known as the

"Queen of the Harp".

An expert on both the triple and pedal harps, she always maintained that the greatest influences on her life were her father, the Gypsies who stayed on their farm, and Tom Lloyd, Telynor Ceiriog, who taught her to play the harp.

She won the eisteddfod harp competition three times in succession, and played several times for the royal family. She was appointed official harpist to Charles, Prince of Wales. After her death at the age of 91, the appointment was unfilled until 2000.

There is now an annual Nansi Richards Harp [Scholarship] competition for young harpists.



On one of her overseas trips, she visited the home of corn flakes manufacturer Will Kellogg, who was looking for a marketing idea. She suggested the cockerel (later named Cornelius Rooster), inspired by a pun on the name Kellogg and the Welsh word "ceiliog", meaning "cockerel".

It's never easy letting go. But police say a Vietnamese man dug up his wife's remains and slept with them for five years. He originally tried sleeping on the grave... but dug a tunnel to sleep inside it because he didn't want to get rained on. Eventually, he just dug her up and brought her home.

The Mayor of a village in the Sarpourenx France has told the town's 260 residents that if you don't already own a plot at the local cemetery, you are "forbidden from dying in the parish." The new ordinance maintains: "Offenders will be severely punished."

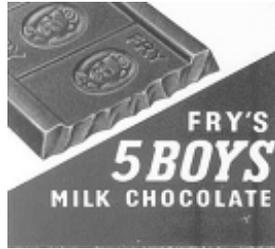
Every year on January 19th an unknown person leaves three red roses and half a bottle of cognac at the grave of America's most ghoulish writer - Edgar Allan Poe.

We've all had our encounters with mystery meat from street vendors, greasy spoons and other not-so-fine dining establishments. But police in Russia say three vagrants butchered and ate a 25-year-old man... then sold their leftovers to a local kiosk that sells kebabs and pies.

As a final wish, Fredrick J. Baur, the man who designed the Pringles packing system, will be buried in one of the icon cans.

Surgeons in Japan removed a 25-year-old towel from a 49-year-old man. They had gone into the operating room thinking the man was suffering from a tumour. Apparently, the cloth was left in the man in 1983, when he had a medical procedure for a minor ulcer.

**CHOCOLATE BARS**



**Five Boys Milk Chocolate**

Launched in 1902 it was once the most famous chocolate bar in the world, with

its five pictures of a five-year-old lad called Lindsay Poulton showing emotions from Desperation (no chocolate), to Realisation (finding out he's got Fry's Chocolate). Apparently at the photo session, Lindsay wasn't looking miserable enough for the first photo, so his father (the photographer) tied a cloth soaked in nasty smelling ammonia round his neck to achieve the 'Desperation' face! The bar was retired in 1976.

It's not a cult. Think of it as a gang of morons who have nothing better to do with their lives.

**MILK CHOCOLATE ADVERT - 1939**



**AERO**

This delicious new chocolate is easy to bite. It has a texture like honeycomb: crisp and yielding.

Because of this special texture, Aero digests more quickly, and consequently gives you energy faster than any other chocolate you can buy. It's a bigger block too - you get more for your 2d. Aero is also kind to teeth.



**OBITUARY**

*This is the obituary of a seventy nine year old woman as printed in the Times-Herald of Vallejo (California) on August 16-17 2008*

Dolores Aguilar, born in 1929 in New Mexico, left us on August 7, 2008. She will be met in the afterlife by her husband, Raymond, her son, Paul Jr., and daughter, Ruby. She is survived by her daughters Marietta, Mitzi, Stella, Beatrice, Virginia and Ramona, and son Billy; grandchildren, Donnelle, Joe, Mitzie, Maria, Mario, Marty, Tynette, Tania, Leta, Alexandria, Tommy, Billy, Mathew, Raymond, Kenny, Javier, Lisa, Ashlie and Michael; great-grandchildren, Brendan, Joseph, Karissa, Jacob, Delaney, Shawn, Cienna, Bailey, Christian, Andre Jr., Andrea, Keith, Saeed, Nujaymah, Salma, Merissa, Emily, Jayci, Isabella, Samantha and Emily. I apologize if I missed anyone.

Dolores had no hobbies, made no contribution to society and rarely shared a kind word or deed in her life. I speak for the majority of her family when I say her presence will not be missed by many, very few tears will be shed and there will be no lamenting over her passing. Her family will remember Dolores and amongst ourselves we will remember her in our own way, which were mostly sad and troubling times throughout the years. We may have some fond memories of her and perhaps we will think of those times too. But I truly believe at the end of the day ALL of us will really only miss what we never had, a good and kind

mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. I hope she is finally at peace with herself.

As for the rest of us left behind, I hope this is the beginning of a time of healing and learning to be a family again. There will be no service, no prayers and no closure for the family she spent a lifetime tearing apart. We cannot come together in the end to see to it that her grandchildren and great-grandchildren can say their goodbyes. So I say here for all of us, GOOD BYE, MOM.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Police in Connecticut said a man dressed as Captain America and another as Spider-Man have been arrested after getting into a fight in Stamford over the Halloween weekend.

A 47-year-old Floridian allegedly wearing a diaper and shouting profanities at people while he trick-or-treated Sunday night was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

It is truly written that a man has five times as many fingers as ears but only twice as many ears as noses

## WYNNE'S CHRISTMAS CHARITY QUIZ AT THE COLLIER'S ARMS

This year's quiz was held on the Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December and was well attended as 61 people entered the quiz.

The total raised was £416.35 (a record) and was made up as follows:-

Entrance Fee	£ 61.00
Raffle	£ 67.00
Turkey Ticket Sales	£ 76.00
Hamper Ticket Sales	£161.00
Sale of Stu's Eggs	£ 14.15
Second Hamper Draw	£ 37.20

The winning team, "Who Dares Wins" donated all the money to the Hospice.

The Second Hamper Draw was possible after Martin Sandells-Besley who won the original hamper re-contributed most of the contents for a second raffle.

A big thank you goes to Wynne for, once again, organising a brilliant quiz. Thanks as well to Keith for the buffet and the sale of the Turkey & Hamper Tickets. Thanks also to Stuart for his fantastic Pickled Eggs and to Martin for the chance of the second hamper raffle.

Finally, huge thanks to you, who attended the quiz and bought all the raffle tickets. You certainly made it a night to remember.

## CONGRATULATIONS WYNNE

We offer our sincere congratulations to Wynne Thomas of Pwll Road who this year completed his 20<sup>th</sup> year of organising charity quizzes in The Colliers' Arms.

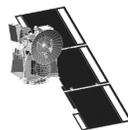
The amount of money he has raised in the 20 years has been lost in annals of time but we know that his fun raising efforts are appreciated not only by the recipients of the money but also by the locals who thoroughly enjoy his quizzes.

To commemorate his twenty years of charity fundraising he was presented with a special commemorative tankard by Mr Keith John, the landlord of The Colliers' Arms.



Photo: Wynne Thomas (Left) receives a commemorative trophy from Keith John landlord of The Colliers' Arms.

Wynne's next charity Quiz will be held on Easter Sunday (April 24<sup>th</sup>). Why not come along and help Wynne towards his next twenty years of fund raising! We guarantee you will have a fantastic evening.



## MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR MISCALCULATION

The Mars Climate Orbiter, a multi-million dollar spacecraft built to discover more about the climate and atmosphere of Mars, was launched with great hype in 1999. However, the spacecraft failed to enter Mars's atmosphere successfully and never collected any data. When an inquiry was launched into the reason for the failure, it was discovered that one of the scientists working on the project had been using imperial units, while all others had converted to the metric system.



BÔNÂU HUMOUR

## Some quotes from the American Politician Dan

Quayle...

A low voter turnout is an indication of fewer people going to the polls.

Bank failures are caused by depositors who don't deposit enough money to cover losses due to mismanagement.

Bobby Knight told me this: 'There is nothing that a good defence cannot beat a better offence.' In other words a good offence wins.

El Salvador is a democracy so it's not surprising that there are many voices to be heard here. Yet in my conversations with Salvadorans... I have heard a single voice.



Every once in a while, you let a word or phrase out and you want to catch it and bring it back. You can't do that. It's gone, gone forever.

For NASA, space is still a high priority.

Great American sport. Horseshoes is a very great game. I love it.

Hawaii has always been a very pivotal role in the Pacific. It is in the Pacific. It is a part of the United States that is an island that is right here.

I am not part of the problem. I am a Republican.

I believe we are on an irreversible trend toward more freedom and democracy - but that could change.

I couldn't help but be impressed by the magnitude of the earthquake.

I deserve respect for the things I did not do.

I do have a political agenda. It's to have as few regulations as possible.

I don't watch it, but I know enough to comment on it.

I have a very good family. I'm very fortunate to have a very good family. I believe very strongly in the family. It's one of the things we have in our platform, is to talk about it.

I have made good judgements in the past. I have made good judgements in the future.

I just don't believe in the basic concept that someone should make their whole career in public service.

I love California; I practically grew up in Phoenix.

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Saviour, for whose Kingdom it stands, one Saviour, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe.

I spend a great deal of time with the President. We have a very close, personal, loyal relationship. I'm not, as they say, a potted plant in these meetings.

I stand by all the misstatements that I've made.

I understand the importance of bondage between parent and child.

I want to be Robin to Bush's Batman.

I was known as the chief grave robber of my state.

I was recently on a tour of Latin America, and the only regret I have was that I didn't study Latin harder in school so I could converse with those people.

I'm going to be a vice president very much like George Bush was. He proved to be a very effective vice president, perhaps the most effective we've had in a couple of hundred years.

I've never professed to be anything but an average student.

## PWLL OF YESTERYEAR



### Porthcawl 1936

This photograph was taken on June 27th 1936 in Porthcawl.

Standing L to R: Unknown; Unknown; Kitty Jones; Unknown; Ivy Rovers; Betty Jones  
Sitting: Mrs Beynon (Stepney Road) with, we think, her daughter. The other two are unknown

Photo: Wendy Williams

## YESTERYEAR



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