

EGLWYSFACH, FURNACE AND GLANDYFI NEWSLETTER 1st NOVEMBER 2017

BIRTHS: **Stewart and Joy Neal** are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their first great granddaughter, **April Jane** on 25 October.

AND

Liz and Richard Spencer announce that they have a new granddaughter, **Abigail Sophie**, born in Cardiff to Greg and Sophie on Tuesday 17th. October: a sister for Isabelle.

HARVEST SUPPER: This October, instead of an auction of produce to raise money, we had a very pleasant supper in the Iron Room to which everyone was invited. Our raffle raised £43, which we gave to the Food Bank organisers in Aberystwyth.

SCOTTISH DANCING: As well as the regular monthly session in the Iron Room on the third Wednesday of the month (15th November), we shall be having a party on Saturday, 25th November, for St Andrew's Day, at 7.30pm. All welcome! Please bring a nibble. £2.50 a session.

R S Thomas Literary Festival & Poetry Competition: The Festival last September was well attended and enjoyed by all. Once again the Poetry Competition proved a great success, the theme drawn from extracts of poems by R.S. Thomas. The prizes were as follows:

1st prize - *Gwynfor's Wake* by Marie Anne Butler

2nd prize - *Now* by Michael Evans

Commended: *A New Home* by Gareth Culshaw and *The Distracted* by Ceri Creffield.

As the standard of poetry was so high, Barry Thomas has kindly agreed to publish another anthology: **Responses** is an ideal Christmas gift for £7.50 including postage. Send your orders and cheques made out to St Michael's Church to Anita Major, Heisterbach, Furnace, Machynlleth SY20 8PG.

TABLE TENNIS: As usual on the 2nd and last Tuesdays, 14th and 28th November at 7.00pm. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY FAIR at Y Plas, Machynlleth on 25th November, 10am to 3pm; 15 stalls, refreshments, raffles, tombola etc. free entry.

IRON ROOM QUIZ: Saturday, 2nd December at 7.00pm. Tables £5, proceeds to the Iron Room Trust. Please support us -- all welcome! Booking essential; phone Mervyn Lloyd on 01654 781332.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING. Thanks to all who came and those who helped: We raised £238 for cancer research. .

DON'T FORGET TAI CHI on Thursdays in the Iron Room at 2.30pm.

BUNGALOW FOR SALE: Please see the following link for Tom and Amy Chase's house at <http://www.rightmove.co.uk/property-for-sale/property-61079473.html>

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12th November at 9.00am at the Lych Gate, St Michael's, led by Rev. Dr David Williams

PUBLIC ADDRESS on Sunday, 26th November by distinguished research Professor Ken Walters FRS in St. Michael's Eglwysfach on the subject 'Why I am a Christian'. The service begins at 9.30 am.

GILLIAN AL-CHALABI, recently of Craig y Deryn, Eglwysfach, has written a book about the transformative experience that was to change the course of her life. She likens her spiritual struggle to working in her garden; hence the book's title: *You Shall be like a Watered Garden*. You can get a copy of the book by writing to her at Glyn Dyfi, Caradoc Road, Aberystwyth SY23 1ES or phoning her on 01970 625061

RSPB Ynyshir NOVEMBER EVENTS phone 01654781222

Visitor Centre Open 10am-4pm from November: **RSPB Christmas Cards**, Calendars, bird feeders and gifts.

Local Craft Fair every day until 12th November.

Thurs. 2 1100-1500 **Wild in The Woods** Family event. Learn the art of fire lighting. Build dens, play games in the woods. £20 per family (RSPB members £18)

Tue. 21 1900 Collecting Welsh Place Names Dr James January-McCann from the Royal Commission. There will be a particular focus on the place names of Eglwysfach and Ynys-hir. Please book a place. Cost £3 per person

WI Monday, 6th November at 7.30: AGM then Ann Owen demonstrating Christmas Crafts

TABERNACLE NEWS for November

Fri. 3	1900	Concert Cor Meibion Dyfi and Cor Meibion Aberystwyth
Sat. 4	1000-1600	Legend film by Lauren Heckler (on loop all day)
Fri. 10	1930	CD launch concert Three Legged Mare and Cynefin
Sat.11	1515	Lecture The Port of Derwenlas by Barbara Walker
Wed.15	1200	Midday market talk by artist Nicky Arscott
Fri. 24	1930	Machynlleth Music Club- The Globe Ensemble
Thu. 30	1930	Lighthouse Theatre Charles Dickens <i>Hard Times</i>

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Friday 3rd. 6.30pm - Community Fireworks Party – Fireworks and bonfire on the field opposite Cletwr. Tickets available now, from Cletwr and The Wildfowler Pub. Meet at The Wildfowler from 6pm for children's 'dragon procession'. **£4/£2.00**

Wed 15th 7.15pm - Dyfi Ospreys - A talk on the successes and challenges of this local conservation project. Just turn up! **£3.00 suggested donation**

Sun 19th 1.00pm 11am-1pm - Historical Walk around Tre'r Ddôl and Taliesin – Immerse yourself in the bygone days of our area. A 3k walk in English. **Booking essential. £3 suggested donation.**

Sun 19th Cletwr AGM 4.00pm at Llanfach, Tre Taliesin. start with tea and cake and an opportunity to socialise. **A very warm invitation** to all volunteers, customers and those who have supported us over the last few years and especially with the recent move to the new building.

CAPEL Y GRAIG 12th November 10.45am: Women's Ceremony of Peace and Blessing We invite all those who identify as women to this short and simple ceremony between 11am and 12 noon. If you wish to join us, bring a small container or bottle of water from your home, land or a special place you are connected with. Led by Artist Fern Smith, as part of her Creative Wales Award, exploring identity, transformation and the power of ceremony.

LOCAL EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2017, all in the Iron Room unless otherwise indicated.

Thur 2	14.30	Tai Chi
Fri. 3	18.30	Fireworks and Bonfire Cletwr Shop
Sun. 5	09.30	Holy Communion, St Michael's, Eglwysfach
Mon. 6	19.30	WI AGM with Ann Owen. All welcome
Tue. 7	19.00	Table Tennis
Thu. 9	14.30	Tai Chi
Fri. 10	14.30	Book Club: <i>Between the Woods and the Water</i> : Patrick Leigh Fermor
Sun. 12	09.00	Remembrance Sunday service, St Michael's, Eglwysfach
	10.45	Women's Ceremony, Capel y Graig, Furnace
Wed. 15	19.30	Scottish dancing
Thu. 16	14.30	Tai Chi
Sun. 19	09.30	Holy Communion at St Michael's
	16.00	AGM Cletwr
Thu. 23	14.30	Tai Chi
Sat. 25	10-15.00	Christmas Fair, Y Plas, Machynlleth
	19.30	St Andrew's Day Party with Scottish reels
Sun. 26	09.30	Morning Service
Tue. 28	14.00	Parochial Church Council
	19.00	Table Tennis
Thur. 30	14.30	Tai Chi
Sat. Dec. 2	19.30	Iron Room Quiz

ANY NEWS OR VIEWS FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER, PLEASE EMAIL janiem@gmail.com.