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Llongyfarchiadau Gwen!

A 13-year-old girl from Gwernymynydd has won the Daniel Owen Festival 2024 Young Writers' Competition.

Gwen Salisbury, of Godre'r Coed, won the crystal glass trophy for her poem in the Welsh Language called 'Rhubudd Cynnar' ('Early Warning').

The result was announced, and the poem read, at the festival on 19 October. Gwen was presented with the trophy by her Head of Year at Ysgol Maes Garmon.

Gwen also won third prize in the story-writing competition for Eisteddfod Llandyrnog with her entry 'Ceffyl Gwyn, Car Gwyn' ('White Horse, White Car') a tale of history repeating itself.

FOOTBALL

James Jones and Joel Thomas, the co-chairs of CPD Yr Wyddgrug, wish to share their appreciation for the support received from friends, family members and residents of Gwernymynydd.

Thanks to them, the team has raised £600 to help upgrade facilities at the Village Centre to meet league requirements and to continue using what James describes as a 'fantastic' pitch.

Spectators are always welcome; fixtures and results are listed on the Community Council website.



Haiku poems by Year 5 and 6 children at Gwernymynydd CP School, inspired by Bonfire Night

Bright shiny at night
What a wonderful delight
Pretty noisy flash

Flowers in the sky
Fireworks make a loud sound
Light up the night sky

The bright moon up high
The bright colours in the sky
The night is so cold

WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE?

Find out at gwernymynydd.org.uk

FOR VILLAGE CENTRE BOOKINGS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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A FESTIVE SEASON QUIZ by Elfrida Jones

Letters stand for words, for example CT = Christmas Tree



- 1) G, F and M =
- 2) 5 G R =
- 3) D D M on H =
- 4) A P in a P T =
- 5) M P =
- 6) G R Y M G =
- 7) 3 W M =
- 8) How many ghosts visited Scrooge?
- 9) F the S =
- 10) C R on an O F =
- 11) The H and the I =
- 12) Mary rode a donkey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, true or false?
- 13) 12 D of C =
- 14) S in a C P =
- 15) A C =
- 16) N Y E =
- 17) O L T of B =
- 18) H S on the F =
- 19) Name the red flower commonly used at Christmas.
- 20) C C =
- 21) I D of a W C =
- 22) S J in C C =
- 23) O P on C M =
- 24) K under M =
- 25) B, C, D, C, D, R, D, P, V =
- 26) B a S in the G =
- 27) A in a M =
- 28) The K S =
- 29) M C E =
- 30) J B J B J all the W =

WELCOME TO THE BOOK CLUB by Sue Elsley

Gwernymynydd Book Club is a very informal gathering of people who (obviously) enjoy reading. We meet in the Swan Inn on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm, to talk books and have a



drink. Each of us brings a book, or books, that we have been reading during the past month and tells the group how much we enjoyed them or, occasionally, how awful they were!

There's no pressure about what (or if) to read each month, and the very wide range of literary interests

across the group, and even in the tastes of individuals, opens our minds to explore books we might never have considered before. Even if you've had no time to read, you're still welcome to come along, listen and contribute to the discussion.

Unlike most book clubs we rarely have a group-read of a set text, but there is a lot of across-the-table borrowing of books which have sparked someone

else's interest. Needless to say, borrowed books are always returned – probably our one unbreakable rule.

Books read and discussed recently include:

The Orchard by Benedict Macdonald and Nicholas Gates: an enchanting and informative chronicle of a year in a natural orchard.

Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers: in 1920's England a reporter investigates claims of a virgin birth, and her own life is changed in the process.

Big Sky by Kate Atkinson: the fifth novel featuring PI Jackson Brodie, and possibly the best yet.

For more information, call Sue on 01352 750489.

The Gwernymynydd Pantomime Group is putting on Peter Pan at the Village Centre from 26 February to 1 March.

Ticket prices are: Adult £10.00; Child 12 and under £7.00; Children under two free, if they sit on a parent's lap for the performance.

Tickets go on sale at 10am on Saturday 7 December and can be purchased from: ticketsource.co.uk/GPG

FOOD DELIVERY SCHEME

Thanks to Head Teacher Louise Ankers, healthy, cost-effective cooked meals are now available to buy each Tuesday between 3-4 pm from the Can Cook/Well-Fed van parked in Ger-Y-Llan, near the school.

The aim of Can Cook/Well-Fed is to feed everyone fresh food at affordable prices. A range of meat dishes and vegetarian meals are available, including slow cook and easy cook options.

Most meals cost between £2.25 and £6.50; menus change each week; customers place orders at the van and can pay with cash, card or Healthy Start Vouchers.

Menus are available at: facebook.com/CanCookWellFed.

VILLAGE PARKING

Please remember that the small car park off Minfordd Fields is for the residents of Maes Y Wern only. There have been issues with people leaving SORNed vehicles for extended periods of time and also with others parking inconsiderately. This reduces the amount of parking for the people it is intended for and also impacts other residents and the junction on Minfordd Fields.

Parking is also a problem at the Hafod Road / A494 junction, with parked vehicles often creating a dangerous situation for traffic entering and exiting Hafod Road.

Bonfire night poems by Year 3 and 4 children at Gwernymynydd CP School

Bonfire!

Boom, Bang!
I can hear the colourful fireworks banging in the air.
Pop, Ping!
I can feel the smoke pressing against my skin.
Wizz, Crackle!
I can see the fireworks exploding.
Bong, Bing!
I can taste the delicious gooey toasted marshmallows.
Fizz, Fizzle.

Bonfire Night

Zip, Zap,
I can hear fireworks exploding in the air.
Crackle, Pop,
I can see the smoke from the bonfire.
Zip, Crackle,
I can taste the popping pop corn and the delicious firey hotdogs.
Boom, Bang,
I can hear the crackle from the sparkler.
Zoom, Zap,
I can see the delicious gooey marshmallows.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1) Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
- 2) Five Gold Rings
- 3) Ding Dong Merrily on High
- 4) A Partridge in a Pear Tree
- 5) Mince Pies
- 6) God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen
- 7) Three Wise Men
- 8) Four
- 9) Frosty the Snowman
- 10) Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
- 11) The Holly and the Ivy
- 12) True
- 13) Twelve days of Christmas
- 14) Sixpence in a Christmas Pudding
- 15) Advent Calendar

- 16) New Year's Eve
- 17) O Little Town of Bethlehem
- 18) Hang Stockings on the Fireplace
- 19) Poinsetta
- 20) Christmas cards/Carols/Cake
- 21) I'm dreaming of a White Christmas
- 22) Silly Jokes in Christmas Crackers
- 23) Open presents on Christmas morning
- 24) Kiss under Mistletoe
- 25) Santa's Reindeer: Blitzen, Comet, Dasher, Cupid, Dancer, Rudolf, Donna, Prancer, Vixen
- 26) Build a Snowman in the Garden
- 27) Away in a Manger
- 28) The King's Speech
- 29) Merry Christmas Everybody
- 30) Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the Way