

BORTH-Y-GEST UPDATE

December 2011

As usual, there are some things to remind and update you about:

1. The Village Carol Service – Thursday 8th December

Once again we are joining with the children from Ysgol Borth-y-Gest and St Cyngar's Church to hold a carol procession around the village, followed by a service in the Church where the children will form the choir. Last year the Church was overflowing, making it a cheerful, cosy and very friendly occasion. I hope we achieve the same this year. After the service, the ladies from the Church and the Friends' Committee will be providing tea, coffee, mulled wine, mince pies etc. in the Church Hall [underneath St Cyngar's].

2. The Bird Watching weekend – Sat & Sun 17th & 18th December

In conjunction with the Friends of Borth-y-Gest Committee, the North Wales Wildlife Trust will run a Cob 200 Celebration event on December 17 & 18 based at the Bird Hide near Boston Lodge.

The Glaslyn and Dwyryd estuaries are world renowned for their population of migratory wading birds, partly because of the ideal conditions created by Madocks' Cob.

Friends of Borth-y-Gest and members of the public are invited to the Bird Hide (near the old Toll House) to see the wading birds on the above dates. **Times - 11.00 am to 15.00 on Saturday 17th and 11.30 - 15.30 on Sunday 18th.** There is a high tide around mid-day which will ensure that the birds are wading near the hide.

Experts will be on hand to explain what is what and will provide binoculars and telescopes. Numbers in the hide are obviously limited, but we will take overflow numbers up on to the Cob which is an equally good viewing spot. Refreshments will be available and there will be opportunities to learn about the varied activities of the North Wales Wildlife Trust.

3. Work on the land near the School.

A couple of weeks ago, we had two very productive work days on the land just beyond the school. All the buddleja was cleared and turned into woodchip and logs, a number of previously treated sycamores were felled, and a couple of new paths were cleared and prepared, linking the coastal path to the top of the land where we will have benches for people to appreciate the view [and the land being restored to heathland]. Some of the sycamore wood has gone to Trefor Owen, the clog maker in Criccieth and will, in due course, make an appearance in folk dancing circles!

4. The History Society

There was a successful inaugural meeting on 28th November and the group agreed that they would meet bi-monthly to discuss and investigate matters of local history. For details of topics and future meetings, please contact Richard Walwyn on 01766 513288.

5. The Website

Don't forget that news of events, photos and contact details can all be found on our website: www.friendsofborthygest.com

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The Friends of Borth y Gest – looking after and improving our village