

## Friends of Borth-y-Gest July 2012 Update

### Hello from Borth-y-Gest

Here's a quick update before I take advantage of the rare summer weather and take a long weekend in Pembroke. Borth-y-Gest and area is very busy now as the holiday season is in full swing – I hope the weather stays kind for our visitors.

### Recent Event:

#### 1. The Open Gardens Day – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June

This was wonderfully successful and your sub-committee are already working on plans for next year. Everybody enjoyed it, exhibitors and participants, and the only complaint was that there was too little time to visit everywhere [this from people who only started mid-afternoon!]. An amazing range of gardens were open – what different layouts and styles we have in the village.

Thanks to the generosity of all involved we are able to donate **£500** to the Air Ambulance and, in due course, probably the same to St Cyngar's Church Hall refurbishment. [The Church is currently reviewing some problems with the fabric of the building]

### Coming Events:

#### 2. The Planting of the Jubilee Oak Tree – 6pm Tuesday August 14th

We have an Oak Tree, presented by the Woodland Trust, which is grown from a Royal Estate acorn. We will celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II by planting this on top of the hill [Spyglass Hill] behind Parc-y-Borth woods and near the new plantation. This will also be a suitable celebration of the completion of our recent grant funded project opening paths, putting in new benches etc.

We will provide a few drinks & nibbles, and possibly some fireworks. Let me know if you are able to come along so we know what numbers to expect.

#### 3. The Pilot Race Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

The second annual Pilot Race, re-enacting the challenge to Pilot Gigs to carry their pilots out to waiting ships, will be on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> August from Borth-y-Gest bay. Last year we had eleven gigs from up and down the Welsh coast who provided a lot of entertainment and some hard fought racing – we expect even more, probably, this year. Some changes have been made to the course to make it more visual and we hope to have a commentary. Last year **many people dressed in "Victorian" costume** and we encourage the same this year – it adds to the Carnival atmosphere. There will be stalls with books & cards for sale, tea & buns in the Church Hall and it coincides with **St Cyngar's Flower Festival**. A weekend not to be missed – do join us!

## **Other Items:**

### **4. Grass cutting in the village**

You may have noticed that our village green is looking a bit unkempt. This is because the Council's grass-cutting team has been struggling with bad weather and are behind schedule. They have not forgotten us!

### **5. Coast Watch at Ynys Cyngar**

There is now a Coast Watch station above the Powder House, keeping an eye on watercraft in Criccieth Bay – a potentially vital service for the many small boats who use the area in summer. They need more volunteers to help. Let me know if you're interested.

### **6. Porthmadog Maritime Museum**

Staying on a nautical theme, the Porthmadog Maritime Museum has recently been re-opened and is open from 12 until 4pm every day except Mondays & Fridays. Well worth a visit. You can find it by the harbour, adjacent to the Harbourmaster's Office.

Finally.... Don't forget that news, photographs and details of events can all be found on our website at [www.friendsofborthygest.com](http://www.friendsofborthygest.com)

Cofion gorau/Best regards

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