

BORTH-Y-GEST UPDATE November 2011

Hello from Borth-y-Gest

This is a very quick update as there are some imminent activities:

Buddleja clearance (the land beyond the school) 24th & 25th November

We have the contractor on site next Thursday & Friday [24th/25th Nov] to carry out the next stage of clearing the land for restoration to heathland. Any volunteers to help with chopping and chipping the infestation of Buddleja on the far end of the land will be very welcome. We will have a wood chipper on site to get rid of the 'brash', and any larger logs will be available for firewood. The woodchip itself will be free to anybody who wants to cover paths or mulch roses etc [though this may prove to be an effective way of spreading Buddleja!]

If you can help at any time between 10am and 4pm on either Thursday or Friday, please turn up with gardening clothes, strong shoes and gloves. Secateurs and/or saws may also be useful, but I think the contractor [Kehoe Countryside] will have the appropriate equipment.

History walk – Porthmadog Saturday 26th November.

The Snowdonia Society has organised a history walk on and around the Cob, led by local historian Sid Caplan. This is part of the Cob 200 Celebrations. I don't have a time for this, but if you'd like to join in, please book in with Frances at the Snowdonia Society on 01286 685498.

Borth-y-Gest History Society – Monday 28th November 6.30pm

The Inaugural Meeting will be held in Seaview Café at 6.30pm, by kind invitation of the owner, Gavin Southall. Gavin will also provide tea. If you would like to attend, you'll be very welcome, but please let Richard Walwyn know on 01766 513288. There is no topic/agenda for this meeting as it will be a discussion about future activities.

The Village Carol Service – Thursday 8th December 6.30pm

Last year's event was hugely successful and we hope to improve on it this year, with more of a procession and some better known carols. Meet at Glyn's Garage at 6.30pm, with candle lanterns if you have them. We will provide 'light sticks' for the children. The Service itself will be in St Cyngar's at 7pm, with Ysgol Borth-y-Gest providing the choir. The service will be followed by mulled wine, tea/coffee & mince pies in St Cyngar's Church hall. Do join us for what will be a very nice event.

Bird watching weekend – the Cob 17th and 18th December 11am to 3pm

As part of the Cob 200 celebrations, the North Wales Wildlife Trust has agreed to host a bird watching weekend at their hide near the Old Toll House at Boston Lodge.

The Glaslyn estuary is world famous for its winter wading bird visitors and this is an opportunity to see them close to and learn more about them from real 'birding' experts. The Wild Life Trust will provide the experts and also binoculars/telescopes. There is no restriction on numbers as we can overflow on the Cob itself to see the birds on Traeth Bach. The tides are high, which will push the wading birds close to the Cob and the Hide.

If you'd like to come along, just turn up between 11am and 3pm [slightly later on the Sunday, because of the tide]

Tree Planting – Parc-y-Borth Plantation TBA

I have received our batch of trees from the Woodland Trust and will be planning a 'planting day' some time in the next few weeks. We will, I hope, join forces with Ysgol Borth-y-Gest who also applied for, and received, a batch of trees, so the date/time will be dependent on the school's timetable. I will let you know!

Cofion gorau/Best regards

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