

October 2012 update

Annwyl Aelod/Dear Members

There was no update in September as Cathy and I were away in the mountains of California where, I'm pleased to say, we had continuous blue skies and sunshine – rather different to Wales, I think!

There are, as ever, a few things to tell you about.

1. Wildflower Walk – Sunday 7th October, 4pm [in two days time!]

Kevin Hall who led our very enjoyable 'flower walk' in the early summer has kindly agreed to lead an autumn walk for us to explain the very different flora which is prominent at this time of year.

Meet by the Noticeboard on the Car Park at 4pm. Come dressed for the weather, with footwear suitable for our footpaths. We should be back at the Car Park before 6pm [earlier if the forecasted rain happens!]

2. Lambs for Sale!

Robin Jones our local grazier will have some of this year's crop of Hebridean Sheep, raised on Parc-y-Borth fields, available for sale in a few weeks. The meat will be jointed ready for the freezer and the price will be £75 for a whole one or £40 for a half. If you take a look in any butcher's window, you'll see that this is a very good price – and we know from last year's crop that the meat is delicious and, of course, could not be more local!

If you would like to order one, let me know or contact Robin directly on:

robin@hebsnbadgers.co.uk or mobile: 07785 303 530

You can read about the sheep [and the meat] on Robin's website at www.hebsnbadgers.co.uk.

3. Open Meeting - Tuesday 6th November, 7pm in Bethel Chapel

Come along to meet the Committee, hear about the events of the last few months, discuss items of concern etc. etc. We have two guest speakers this time – not too formal but interesting I hope. PCSO Paul Duggan will talk to us about Marine Watch, a new initiative to combat crime relating to boats – thefts of outboards or tenders etc. and on a similar theme Suzanne Millard will update us on Neighbourhood Watch and Online Watch Link [OWL]. We would like to have more co-ordinators for the village, each one being a link for 15 to 20 houses, so let me know if you'd be interested in playing such a part for our community. I'm told it's not at all arduous!

4. Committee Members

We have recently lost two members of our Committee who have given great service over many years, Phil Eccles and Sheila Roberts, so we are looking for replacements. The Committee meets every two months and our discussions cover a wide range of items, all relevant to the village. It's interesting and satisfying – why not join us?

5. Dog fouling

This has been recognised as a serious problem throughout the county by Gwynedd Council who have started a public consultation over proposed control orders. Amongst other measures they are proposing that Borth-y-Gest Bay becomes a 'dog free zone'.

The Committee were undecided whether this was desirable as it was not an area that they saw as a problem – most of our concerns are around the Coastal Path and the facilities for disposing of dog waste.

The council survey can be found at: www.gwynedd.gov.uk/dogcontrolorders and Councillor Selwyn Griffiths hopes to have paper copies for people who do not have internet access – let me know if you would like one.

Whichever method you choose, if you have an opinion let the Council know by completing the survey.

6. Car park signs

A number of residents met with Gwynedd Council's car parks manager this week to discuss the new signs. He was categoric in his assurance that there are NO plans to make the car park a Pay & Display site. It is likely that there will be a consultation about the possible introduction of a Parking Restriction Order to ban overnight parking [and to facilitate other controls] – I will try to inform you as and when this begins.

7. Flood Defences

The legislation regarding flood risk management has changed this year, moving responsibilities from the Environment Agencies to local authorities and residents of flood risk areas. The northern [Porthmadog] end of the village is shown on the Environment Agency website as being 'at risk' as the sea wall is incomplete near Min y Mor. Tom Brooks is leading a small group of residents in lobbying the Council to take preventative measures. Let me know if you would like to know more about this.

Finally.....

All of our events, plus photographs, can be found on our website at www.friendsofborthygest.com

And events are also on the Village Noticeboard

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