



# NOVEMBER 2021

Storm 'Arwen' arrived at the end of November to remind us all that Winter is coming. The storm caused some travel disruption and extensive damage to power supplies. Celebrity contestants had to 'get out!' of Gwrych Castle sooner than expected because of significant damage to the show's production base in Abergele. Nevertheless, RWYC members can find a cosy refuge at Porth yr Aur. This month's bulletin provides details of upcoming events to look forward to in December and January (covid omicron variant permitting).

## **Eye-Spy** (from Graeme Messenger, Steward)



Our late night drinkers, were in for a treat when Members, Meg and Neil, turned up with international folk music stars Blazing Fiddles and Will Pound for a "decompression" session. This picture shows Scottish band, Blazing Fiddles, fresh from the latest gig of their UK tour at Galeri and Will Pound, recently returned from recording the soundtrack for a soon-to-be Hollywood blockbuster. The musicians revelled in the history, atmosphere and acoustics of the Clubhouse as they shared tunes and stories.

Another case of.... "you never know what can happen @clubhouse RWYC!"

*(The eagle-eyed amongst you may have spotted the newly polished trophies, guarded by Meg and Neil, in readiness for the AGM. And yes, Meg and Neil had booked!)*

**Message from Janette Edge reminding RWYC members to order presents from the regalia page in good time for Christmas.**

*It's that time of year when our thoughts turn to Christmas presents and/or stocking fillers!*

Spare a moment to look at our regalia web page for ideas – we have Caps, Beanies, Fleece Headbands and Scarves for the colder weather and Ties for the upcoming social events which can be ordered from Jan at [regalia@royal-welsh.com](mailto:regalia@royal-welsh.com) or call 01248 450540.

Any of the clothing items with the Club emblem can be ordered now for delivery before Christmas and can be personalised with boat name.

**“Don't leave it too late to order!”**



**Here are a few items already in stock, which may be of interest:**

- A lovely ladies rugby shirt in cerise pink (size 18) £27
- Mens rugby shirts, quartered blue/light blue (size M) £30
- Sweatshirt in mid blue (size XXL) £18
- Mens V neck knitted sweater in navy (sizes L/XXL) £35

Ladies cardigan in Black (size S) £28

Full zip fleece in navy (sizes 10, 16, M) £35

Full zip fleece in red (sizes M and XL) £35

Soft shell jacket in red, sizes S, XL, 10 and 16 £40

**“Great for wind protection on the water!”**



## What's On @Clubhouse in December

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Cost</b>
3/12	<b>Quiz</b> by Malcolm Jones	Free
4/12	From 12pm <b>Boat Bring and Buy and Regalia Sale</b>	Free
5/12	7.30pm <b>Gin &amp; Salami Tasting</b> – 4 premium gins paired with 4 salami/ charcuterie. Tasting led by our Steward.	£12 entry
11/12	From 11am <b>Mulled Wine and Mince Pies</b>	Free
11/12	7.30pm <b>The Cane Toads</b> – Live Rhythm and Blues (only 4 tickets left at time of writing). <i>Tickets will not be available on the door.</i>	£5 entry
17/12	<b>Christmas party</b> - enjoy refreshments and Christmas cocktails as well as a great social evening.	Free
31/12	<b>New Year's Eve Party</b>	Free

Due to the current state of play with covid-19, please bring your mask. You will be required to wear a mask when not seated at the Cane Toads event, and at all other events where we cannot easily ensure that social distancing is possible.

***The Clubhouse bar will be closed on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.***

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**CERAMIC WORKSHOPS WITH CERI WRIGHT CERAMICS AT THE ROYAL WELSH YACHT CLUB, CAERNARFON**

**GWEITHDAI CERAMEG GYDA CERI WRIGHT CERAMEG YNG NGHLWB IOTIO BRENHINOL CYMRU, CAERNARFON**

**WELSH LOVE SPOON WORKSHOP 10AM-12.30PM £30  
CERAMIC DAFFODIL WORKSHOP 1.30 - 4PM £30  
BOOK BOTH WORKSHOPS FOR A FULL DAY'S CLAY EXPERIENCE FOR £55**

**GWEITHDY LLWYAU CARU CYMRAEG 10AM-12.30PM £30  
GWEITHDY CENNIN PEDR CERAMIG 1.30 - 4PM £30  
ARCHEBWCH Y DDAU WEITHDY AM DDIWRNOD LLAWN O BROFIAD CLAI AM £55**

**PERFECT FOR ST. DAVID'S DAY AND THE RUGBY!**

**PERFFAITH AR GYFER DYDD GŴYL DEWI A'R RYGBI!**

**THE WORKSHOP WILL BE DELIVERED IN ENGLISH**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BOOK EMAIL - CERI\_ART@HOTMAIL.COM**

And now to continue our alphabetical island journey with the letter 'I' ...

## Islands of Britain

### Wales

I have been unable to find any islands in Wales that begin with the letter 'i', so I have to concede that there aren't any - *unless, of course, you know different?*

The best I can do is to inform readers that the Welsh word 'Ynys' (meaning 'island') is derived from the Old Welsh word 'inis'.

Old Welsh (*Hen Gymraeg*) is the stage of the Welsh language from c.800AD until the early 12th century when it developed into 'Middle Welsh'.

The preceding period, from the time Welsh became distinct from 'Common Brittonic' c.550AD, has been called "Primitive" or "Archaic Welsh".

The word 'inis' it seems derives from the Proto-Celtic word 'enisti' (*standing in the water*), i.e. 'en' (*in*) and 'steh' (*stand*).



### England

#### *Inner Farne, (Northumberland)*



St Cuthbert retired to Inner Farne in 678AD after 12 years as Prior in Lindisfarne on nearby Holy Island. He died there in 687AD and a church was constructed in his memory in 1370AD. Other buildings of interest include St Cuthbert's Chapel and the medieval Pele Tower that is now home to

National Trust staff for nine months of the year, who look after the Island and its wildlife. Inner Farne is also home to thousands of nesting birds in summer including the Puffin, Shags and four types of Tern.



## Scotland

### *Inchcolm*

Inchcolm Island is in the Firth of Forth; 4 miles east of the Forth Bridge and just 6 miles as the crow flies from Edinburgh city centre. The Island is cared for by Historic Scotland and is commonly referred to as the 'Iona of the East' due to its similarity to the Island of Iona on the west coast of Scotland. Inchcolm Abbey dates back to the 12th Century, being founded by King David I, after his brother King Alexander I was forced to seek shelter there during a very stormy crossing of the Forth in 1123.



Inchcolm also has some interesting wartime fortifications to explore. The Island was home to around 500 soldiers during both world wars and formed part of 'Fortress Forth' where all the islands in the forth were garrisoned to protect the Royal Navy's base at Rosyth and the Rail Bridge from attack from the sea. In 1916 an ammunition tunnel was dug through the eastern end of the Island by the Royal Engineers and it is still open to explore today. The Island also has two beautiful beaches and plenty of seating where you can simply bring a picnic and relax and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the Island.

## Ireland

**Innisfree** is an uninhabited island within Lough Gill, in Ireland, near which Yeats spent his summers as a child. Yeats describes the inspiration for his famous poem (*as featured in Irish passports, see below*) coming from a "sudden" memory of his childhood while walking down Fleet Street in London in 1888. He wrote, "... when walking through Fleet Street very homesick I heard a little tinkle of water and saw a fountain in a shop-window which balanced a little ball upon its jet, and began to remember lake water."

### "The Lake Isle of Innisfree" by William Butler Yeats

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
 And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;  
 Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,  
 And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,  
 Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;  
 There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,  
 And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day  
 I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;  
 While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,  
 I hear it in the deep heart's core.

## Further Information

Inchcolm Island: <https://www.maidoftheforth.co.uk/inchcolm-island>

'Inis': <https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/inis>

Inner Farne: <http://www.yournorthumberland.co.uk/area-guides/farne-islands>

Naldrett, P. (2021) "Treasured Islands: the explorers guide to over 200 of the most beautiful islands around Britain." Bloomsbury. UK.

*If you have any **island anecdotes**, we'd love to hear them. Next month ...  
suggestions especially welcome for the **letter 'J'**.*

Please send your, tall tales, short stories, pictures, etc, etc to: [rwycbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:rwycbulletin@gmail.com)

Thank you again to all this month's contributors.

*Keep safe & well !*