



News from the Hills

Winter 2016/17

2016 Where Did it Go!

A rather large gap since the last News letter early in 2016! Lots to share with you!

Last year passed by like a whirlwind, literally and metaphorically. We were very fortunate when the high winds and more recently a tornado, came through the valley to escape with just a few trees down and no telephone access for a few hours. Friends and other business colleagues were not so fortunate. Lots of wood for logging though!

New addition.

Gary and I had been looking at the Arctic Cabin at Derwen Garden Centre for several months. We wanted our Guests to be able to experience outdoor living year round so in May of last year we took delivery of our Arctic Cabin BBQ Hut. Two wonderful chaps from Arctic Cabins arrived at six o'clock in the morning and by 9.50am they were driving off site. A fantastic product expertly installed. By lunch-time Gary was cooking the first BBQ. Guest feedback has been very positive. Have a look at a photograph of the Hut on our website.

Guests are welcome to book the BBQ Hut at no additional cost. Charcoal is provided together with crockery, cutlery and BBQ tools.

Duck Pond Update

No ducks this year I am afraid but lots of lovely pond lilies, dragon-flies and newts to look at.

We do have a stone duck that is wearing a rather stylish bandana who we have called Cheryl.

Rare Hideaways

Competition Winner

The Shepherd's Hut @ Upper Gelli welcomed our competition winners Emma & Nick. Emma was the lucky entrant out of 2671 entries. Emma and Nick enjoyed their two nights stay and their BBQ in the new Hut.

Winter Guests

Once again Gary & I would like to say "Thank you" for choosing to stay at Upper Gelli to all our Guests in 2016. This winter Guests have enjoyed spectacular sunsets and clear starlit night skies. Some brave Guests have also commented on how wonderful it was to experience the snow covered hills and valley while sitting in the hot tub listening to the pheasants and sheep.

Visit Wales 2017 Year of Legends

We are very privileged to have a very local Welsh Legend, Gwion Bach/Taliesin. His story, so it is told, begins in Llanfair Caereinion. You can enjoy a beautiful walk along the River Banwy and see the magnificent Taliesin Sculpture in Deri Woods. Myths and Legends together in a magical space.

Visit Wales Grading

We had our onsite grading inspection from Visit Wales. We were again awarded 5 Stars.

We look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Best wishes,

Ros & Gary