

**“YSTRADGWYN”**  
**WELSH HERITAGE CENTRE.....CANOLFAN TREFTADAETH**  
at  
**TAL-Y-LLYN**

Visit this charming little former Welsh country chapel for a truly unique experience of Welsh Culture, FOUND NO-WHERE ELSE IN WALES! The purpose of the Centre is to welcome visitors and to give a taste of the History and Culture of Wales through a varied programme of “live interpretation and entertainment.....” You can be transported to the realms of magic and romance through ancient stories re-told, meet fascinating characters who shaped history, be steeped in the musical traditions of Welsh harp tunes and folk songs..... Yes, and even get to grips with the Welsh language so that the pronunciation of those place names will be a problem no more! You’ll be surprised how easy it is..... guaranteed!

Experience a real Welsh welcome .....with complimentary refreshment included.

Also an exhibition of Old Tal-y-llyn Photographs

2.00pm until approx 3.30 pm  
Admittance: Adults £3.00; Children £1  
(Fee charged for the maintenance and development of the Centre, and local charities)

Booking not necessary, but helpful:  
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**WELCOME!      CROESO!**

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**SUMMER PROGRAMME \*\*\* 2011 \*\*\* RHAGLEN HAF**

Description of the various Topics in the Programme:

**A. The story of the Tal-y-llyn Valley.**

We trace the valley’s history over the centuries up to the building of this little chapel in 1829, which is now the Heritage Centre. Followed by a short Guided Walk to the nearby late Victorian “Idris Estate”, just an easy, level stroll away for the story of the “Pop King”.

**B. Fairy Tales of Cader Idris vividly re-told:**

“Once upon a time in a lonely farmhouse nearby .....”

“Once upon a time there lived a poor family by a beautiful lake.....”

“Once there lived a famous giant called Idris....”

You just have to hear the rest!

**C. Hear the story of the Welsh Costume** – the red flannel and the black beaver hat – and meet three famous Ladies who wore it in three different centuries. They’ll be delighted to make your acquaintance!

**D. Welsh is Fun!** Honestly! Reading it is so easy! You can master those impossible place names and learn to sing a song or two – all in an hour. Come and try it. It will be your best souvenir of Wales!

**E. “The Lost Princess of Wales”.** This 13<sup>th</sup> century thriller – a national tragedy – took place in our valley at Castell y Bere, the last bastion in Gwynedd against the advance of Edward 1<sup>st</sup>. Re-live those tumultuous times through the story of Tywysoges Gwenllïan. Then visit her romantic ruined castle under your own steam – it will mean so much more.....

**F. What is the “Eisteddfod” and the colourful “Gorsedd of Bards”?** They come to a climax each year at the week-long National Eisteddfod of Wales where prize-winning bards are crowned and chaired. Steeped in music and poetry, the Eisteddfod is as alive today as when it first assembled in 1176. A competitive festival, the Eisteddfod is the foremost breeding ground for Welsh talent which today adorns the world stage.

**G. The Welsh in Patagonia from 1865 until today.** It’s a story of emigration, endurance, fortitude and eventual triumph. 165 men women and children sailed into the unknown, struggled, adapted to new cultures and an often hostile environment, but clung to their native language and culture. And today their bond with Wales is as strong as ever. A great story!

**H. The Jones Girls of Tal-y-llyn.** Who were these two girls who did remarkable things in 1800 and 1815.....involving a very long walk.... and a field of battle? Find out. You’ll enjoy the quest.....

**I. A musical afternoon of Welsh Folk Songs.**

How these old songs survived and are sung today. Also plunge the mysteries of “cerdd dant”, that unique way of setting poetry to harp accompaniment- with the help of maths! to enhance the meaning of words and form melodious harmonies. You may also be lucky enough to see and hear the triple harp being played.

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**PROGRAMME DATES with indication of PROGRAMME CONTENT**

**From Spring Bank Holiday onward, every TUESDAY and THURSDAY.**

**May 28: Programme A etc.**

**May 30: B**

**May 31: D**

**June 2: E**

**June 7: C**

**June 9: F**

**June 14:G**

**June 15:H (note the slight change of date)**

**June 21:I**

**June 23:A**

**June 28:B**

**June 30:D**

**July 5:E**

July 7:C  
July 12:F  
July 14:G  
July 19:H  
July 21:I  
July 26:A  
July 28:B

August 1-5 (Nil : Marian attends the National Eisteddfod!)

August 9: D  
August 11:E  
August 16:C  
August 18:F  
August 23:G  
August 25:H  
August 27:I  
August 29:A

Sept. 6:C  
Sept. 8:D

#### END OF PROGRAMME

Thank you for your support and I hope that you all have enjoyed yourselves as much as I have! Tell your friends, and come again next year.....*Hwyl!* Cheers!

Marian

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#### HOW TO GET THERE

Canolfan Ystradgwyn Heritage Centre is very easy to find being half way between Dolgellau and Machynlleth. Take the A487 from either town, and after approx 8 miles, at the Minffordd Hotel, turn on to the **B4405**. The Centre is some 500m down that road, by Dôl Einion Campsite. There is ample Parking at Ystradgwyn Centre, from where a pleasant walk can be taken around Tal-y-llyn Lake should people wish to do that after participating in the programme.

#### PLAN OF AREA

**Dôl Einion Caravan and Camping Site** is adjacent to the Heritage Centre and the proprietor will be pleased to welcome you and provide you with accommodation and first hand local information any time.

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