



TYDDYN IOLYN FARMHOUSE

SPRING NEWSLETTER

2010

Welcome to my first newsletter, which I hope will be of interest to both new friends and frequent visitors to Tyddyn Iolyn.

The Bed and Breakfast enjoyed a successful and busy year in 2009 and I'd like to thank all of my regular guests for their continuing support.



In November Tyddyn Iolyn welcomed Ges Laker and his two Labradors. Ges and his companions were walking around the entire coastline of Britain in aid of St Dunstons. Our contribution was a room for the night and a hearty breakfast for man and dogs. Take a look at Ges's website www.lakerscoastline.org

The snow arrived with the start of 2010 and my New Year guests and I enjoyed some stunning views and scenery, with enough snow settling for a small snowman to appear in the back garden, courtesy of one of my younger guests! Millie and the donkeys have survived the cold winter and are in good health (and in Millie's case rather good shape). The sheep have returned to the surrounding fields and the first twin lambs were seen on January 30th. A programme of painting and maintenance jobs has continued throughout the winter and the polytunnel, which became rather skeletal due to the winter wind, now sports a brand new cover. Work on the track and garden is ongoing and I hope to grow more flowers for cutting this year.



Tyddyn Iolyn continues to actively support other local businesses and I will be compiling a list of some of these to be included in the room folders. Whilst the region in general may lack the larger retailers common to most English towns, there are many small independent shops and businesses in Porthmadog and Criccieth selling good quality produce and products at reasonable prices and providing good service. There is a campaign to preserve the Criccieth Memorial Hall which

hosts numerous and varied events throughout the year and helps provide a real focus for the community. I believe that supporting these helps to preserve the unique character of this part of Wales. The area is still relatively unspoilt but growing in popularity and the Llyn peninsula was voted in the top 10 UK holiday destinations by Travelsupermarket.com in 2009. Work has finally begun on the Porthmadog bypass which will help relieve traffic congestion along the cob and encourage more people to visit.



Once again my stalwart team of helpers are in place for the year ahead. I am delighted that Kim will join me again in the kitchen with her unfailing good humour and that Clare has volunteered to step in at busy times and in emergencies, if any! I am grateful to them for their loyal support and friendship.

We are now ready to welcome our guests and hope for a lovely warm and sunny spring and summer. I hope to produce a couple of newsletters annually and guest photos or comments would be most welcome. If you prefer not to receive this newsletter in future, just let me know that you wish to 'unsubscribe'.

With my best wishes,

Ann

