



TYDDYN IOLYN FARMHOUSE

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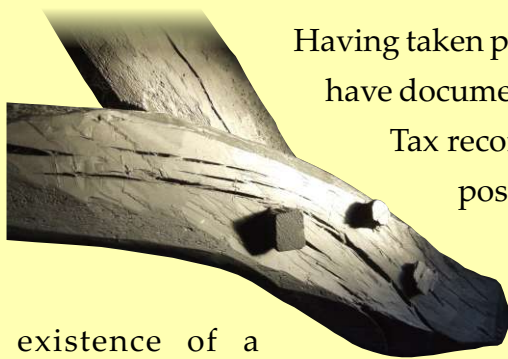
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Welcome to my autumn newsletter 2010!



It's been another busy spring and summer season at Tyddyn Iolyn and a big thank you to all my guests for contributing to its success. My visitors have come from far and wide, including Australia and New Zealand, Canada and the States, Scandinavia, South Africa, Hong Kong, all over Europe and of course the UK. Many guests have made return visits and it is lovely to see old friends. Kim has continued to work at Tyddyn Iolyn and was joined by Meleri during the school holidays and at weekends through the summer. Together they have formed a reliable, cheerful and invaluable team.

Work on the Porthmadog bypass finally commenced in the spring and, once completed, should ease the congestion on the 'cob' and Porthmadog High Street during busy times. The Welsh Highland railway now runs from Caernarfon to Pont Croesor, by the RSPB site just outside Porthmadog, and is due to join the Ffestiniog railway in Porthmadog in April 2011. Again this summer the steam train 'The Cambrian' ran the length of the spectacular Cambrian Line from Machynlleth through to Pwllheli.



Having taken part in a dendrochronology project dating old Welsh houses, I now have documentary evidence for the existence of Tyddyn Iolyn back to the Land Tax records of 1771 and parish registers of 1767. Unfortunately it was not possible to date the old oak beams in the farmhouse as there were not enough tree rings (as the trees had grown to the required size too quickly due to the mild climate here on the Llyn.) The wooden corbel in the farmhouse inglenook (originally thought to be one of two and probably 17th century) and some old wooden panelling make it likely that the original Tyddyn Iolyn was much older. I still hope to do more research at the National Library at Aberystwyth and to consult the parish records of the old church of Ynyscynhaern in Pentrefelin.

The TV programme 'Coast' was filmed at the church recently and is due to be shown in spring 2011. It was a clear, sunny day and the helicopter was buzzing around the area for some time, so there should be some lovely panoramic shots.

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Tyddyn Iolyn now has its own Facebook page (please search for Tyddyn Iolyn Farmhouse) and I am delighted to have received some good reviews on Tripadvisor. Guest comments will be added to the website along with some new pictures too over the course of the winter.

A friend has compiled a list of birds seen from Tyddyn Iolyn, which includes the osprey, on a flight path towards the reservoir at Llyn Cwmstrallen from Pont Croesor. This is a separate attachment for those who are interested. Three Osprey chicks were reared successfully this year and the youngest male chick was spotted in Switzerland en-route to Africa in August. (More details are on the RSPB site).



I am still working on the vegetable garden, and had a good crop of currants (red, white and black) as well as raspberries, strawberries and tomatoes. I am hoping to be able to sell my jams and marmalades next year if I can get my head around the regulations for labelling. The polytunnel and gardens provided all the cut flowers for the guest rooms and dining room through July, August and September and the next challenge is to have

flowers for cutting throughout the year. Hanging baskets were started off in the polytunnel and flowered happily into October.

Tyddyn Iolyn is open all year round so look out for special offers in January and February! Gift vouchers are available and can make useful Christmas gifts. They can be issued for any amount and the recipient can then book accommodation to suit themselves.



Once again, if you do not wish to receive any future newsletters, just let me know and I will remove your email address from the list.

With best wishes and I hope to see you soon!

Ann

