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Volunteer Newsletter



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Time to Reflect

As the end of another year approaches it often gives people a reason to reflect.

What have we done and achieved this year or what challenges am I going to face next year. Many of us will have reason to be optimistic and say to ourselves things will be better next year or 'This time next year, Rodney we'll be millionaires!' as Delboy always said.

But reflections can also fall in the other direction – how am I going to cope next year, things are going to be even tougher. And, for many farmers, this is potentially true. Further effects of Brexit, the approaching NVZ regulations and, as I write this and look out of the window storm Arwen is battering Pembrokeshire.

As for me, I'm generally an optimist (much to my wife's annoyance). I can see the challenges that people will face, but I also see a way through them. Perhaps that's why I joined Tir Dewi in the first place?

Many farmers and their families will struggle next year, and their struggles will be very real. But because of your kindness and generosity, Tir Dewi will be there, stronger than ever to help them overcome those challenges. Even me, the optimist, could never have predicted the growth in Tir Dewi during 2021, but that now gives me even more optimism for growth in 2022.

In the meantime, we have Christmas to look forward to. A time that can bring joy to many, either because their faith makes this a time of celebration, or because it means that families and friends meet up and exchange gifts. I hope that your Christmas is a Joyful one.

May peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year round.

Gareth



Dear Friends

A big Thankyou to all staff and volunteers who have continued to work tirelessly in the past year in the name of Tir Dewi. Working in a COVID world has brought with it many challenges but never the less you have always been there to support those in need.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy and fulfilling New Year.

Gyda dymuniadau gorau ar gyfer y Nadolig a 'r Flwyddyn Newydd

Malcom Lewis



Winter Shows

By Anne May

This year November has been a busy time and it has been wonderful to be able to attend both Ynys Môn and Builth Winter Fairs. These busy events offered a great opportunity to promote the work of Tir Dewi. Our stalls have been packed with leaflets, cards, beanie hats, Christmas cards, a fantastic festive tree made by Carys, one of our volunteers and beautiful knitted tree hangings knitted by Delyth's Mum, which effectively drew people towards our stall. The orange beanie hats proved to be particularly popular with children and youngsters.

Raffle prizes were generously donated at both events. At the Ynys Môn Show a beautifully wrapped food and gift hamper was donated by Llinos, who will be our new intern for the next 12 months, starting in January and based in North Wales. At Builth Show, a fantastic tractor and trailer was donated by Susan (Mona Tractors) one of our trustees in North Wales.

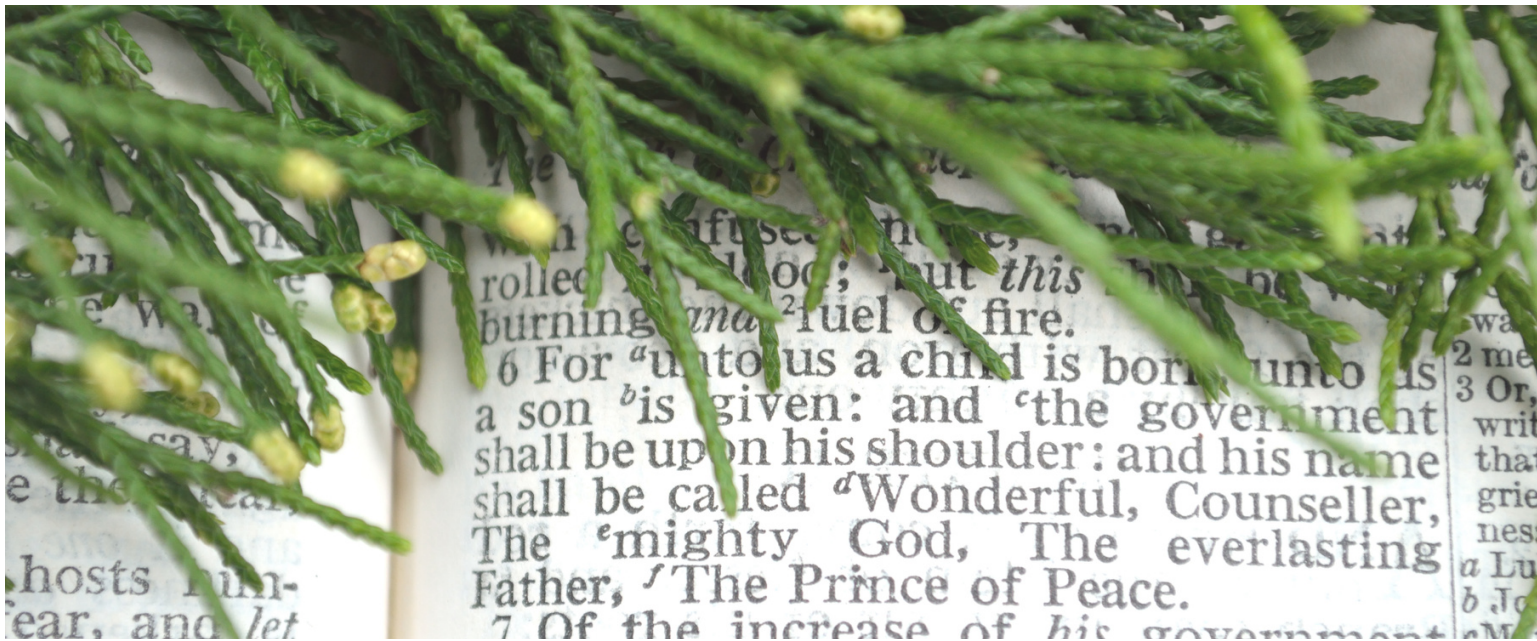


Highlights from the events were:

- Alun Elidyr bumping into Wyn as we arrived at Builth and saying "you're on the tv more than me these days!"
- Meeting one of our Powys volunteers face to face for the first time.
- People approaching the stall to say that they had heard of us and had seen our advert on television recently.

And finally, Eileen said that over the years that she has been attending the winter fair, in the past many farmers have approached her asking for help. This year people sought her out to thank her for the help that they had received from Tir Dewi.

Christmas Message



By The Venerable Canon Eileen Davies

"FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, A SON IS GIVEN".

"This verse from Isaiah's prophecy is the true meaning of why we celebrate Christmas, the reason for our celebrations.

Unfortunately not everyone is able to celebrate Christmas, as for them it is a difficult time, lonely and sad. Therefore this is the reason that the work of Tir Dewi's volunteers is so important, as we are all called to serve, as Jesus was called to serve and not to be served. A lowly stable was the place where Jesus began His earthly life, born to a poor family, but yet there was great love and joy filling the stable, Angel's singing, Shepherds paying their respect to the Lamb of God, Wise Men kneeling in homage to the King of Heaven.

In the giving and receiving, we give of our service to help our farmers, knowing we are honoured and privileged to do so, and please receive each and every one of you my personal

thanks for giving of your great expertise, gifts and talents to help all within our agricultural sector.

Remember if we take Christ out of Christmas we only have M&S left.

Every blessing to you all for Christmas, embraced by Mary's humility, uplifted by the Angel's song, sharing the Shepherds care and peace, strengthened in knowledge and wisdom of the King of Kings, as we look forward together to serve all our farmers in 2022.

