

Issue 5 – December (Winter) 2011

Despite the relatively mild weather and lack of heavy snow that was surrounding us this time last year, I am here to bring you our Winter edition newsletter! Our volunteers have been busy getting into the festive spirit out and about in the community at local markets and fairs and the Powys project that they have been working on has meant a larger than usual number of additions to the website, but I'll let you read more about that below!

Rachael (The Ed)

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Fancy something new to do?

Over the last quarter we have added 11 new activities to the website search, including [Extend](#), [Tai Chi](#), [Crafts](#), [Table Tennis](#), [Cycling](#), [Singing](#), [Theatre](#), [All Terrain Trampers](#) and a [Football Club](#) (pictured below). Be sure to check out the activity pages for details!



New additions for the Attraction Search



[Cadbury World](#) in Bourneville (Birmingham) offers visitors a chance to experience the world of chocolate with insights into its history and present day production and manufacture. Pictured above is Bev Phillips one of two of our 'Enablise Project' volunteers who went to research this attraction for the website search.

There were also another 18 attractions added this autumn, here are some of the highlights:

[Erwood Station Craft Centre](#) - Powys

[ShIPLEY Country Park](#) – Derbyshire

[National Cycle Collection](#) – Powys

[Royal Welsh Regimental Museum](#) – Powys

[National Waterfront Museum](#) – Swansea

New Homepage Coming Soon!

We have just completed a long overdue revamp of our homepage. The page has been designed to be easy to navigate and concise whilst keeping the integrity of the original homepage. We are hoping it will be live in the next couple of months, so keep an eye out and let us have your feedback on the new look!

Calendar of Events:

Due to the huge increase of events listed on the website (see adjacent article for more details), I am no longer able to provide a full calendar each issue. The forth coming quarter has 91 events, with many more in the process of being added! Below are a few of the highlights picked to give a range in area. Please use the links provided for further details and be sure to check out the website for the full list of [events](#).

Event Name: [Open Studio - Make Do and Mend Christmas](#)

Place: Manchester

Date: 3rd December

Description: Experience wartime festive spirit, make your own decoration and learn what it was like to celebrate on a ration!

Event Name: [Christmas at the Castle](#)

Place: Worcester

Date: 4th, 11th & 18th December

Description: Father Christmas's Grotto, Childrens activities, Carriage rides, Gift & Craft fair and watch Wilden Concert Choir perform.

Event Name: [Zenwing Puppets presents 'The Story of Father Christmas'](#)

Place: Isle of Skye

Date: 10th December

Description: The life and adventures of Santa Claus told via original music & puppetry.

Event Name: [Santa Train!](#)

Place: Llanuwchllyn

Date: 10th & 11th December **October**

Description: Join Santa at his very own seasonally decorated railway station.

Event Name: [Children & Pet Carol Service](#)

Place: Truro

Date: 1st January

Description: A fun filled carol service for two and four legged friends. No pet too big, no child too small!

Events Area Coverage Project!

We are pleased to bring you news of some extensive improvements we have been carrying out to our event pages. Although they were crammed full of things to do we were well aware that the events were concentrated in specific areas. In an attempt to bring you better area coverage earlier this month we got in touch with all our attraction providers and requested regular receipt of their accessible events. We had a fantastic response spanning in area from Truro to the Isle of Skye! This has resulted in the addition of 186 new events so far with a huge list still to add. If you are a regular visitor to these pages you will notice a huge improvement already and if you have been put off in the past by lack of coverage in your area, then please give it another go you may just be surprised!

Fancy a 'wheelie' good walk?

Then check out the 24 new additions on our website accessible trail search. There were so many additions this autumn that we have handpicked a few of our favourites to share with you.

[Derby Lodge Tearoom Trail](#) – Level 2
Heanor, Denbighshire

[Pwll-y-wrach](#) – Level 1
Talgarth, Powys

[Pwll Bo](#) – Level 2
Llanwrtyd Wells, Powys

[Burry Port Harbour](#) – Level 1
Llanelli, Carmarthenshire

[Llandrindod Wells Lake](#) – Level 1
Llandrindod Wells, Powys

[Gelerts Trail](#) – Level 2
Beddgelert, Gwynedd

[Talybont Reservoir](#) – Level 1
Brecon, Powys

New Featured Accommodations

Eco Lodges [Beech Tree](#) (Sleeping 12) and [Poplar Tree](#) (Sleeping 9) are adjoining holiday properties located roughly 12 miles from Brecon. A double rental would make this flexible accommodation for groups of up to 21 where 4 members need level access. The owners have given a great deal of consideration to the needs of all their guests. With open views of the surrounding countryside and shared access to a hot tub in the grounds this is a stylish 'high spec' stay.



In total there were 24 new accommodations this quarter which again is far too many to list here so in the true style of this newsletter here are a few of the highlights:

[Lake Vyrnwy Hotel](#) – Llanwddyn, Powys

[Craig-y-Nos Castle](#) – Penycae, Powys

[Alexandra House](#) – Braunton, Devon

[Hampton Court Log Cabin](#) – Templeton, Pembrokeshire

[Metropole Hotel](#) – Llandrindod Wells, Powys

[The Knighton](#) – Knighton, Powys

[Cledan Valley Tipi's](#) – Carno, Powys

[Quarry Cottage](#) – Newtown, Powys

[Bryn Tanat Hall](#) – Llansantffraid-Ym-Mechain, Powys

[Pen yr Heol Barn](#) – Brecon, Powys

[Cui Hen Beudy](#) – Brecon, Powys

For more detailed accessibility information please use the links provided above.

Out and About in the Community!

A taste of the community work our volunteers have been involved in since September:

- Various meetings with Shropshire and Powys access/wheelchair user groups.
- Assisting a Shropshire Methodist Chapel on the conversion of existing toilets into a one new fully accessible toilet.
- On-site visit to a Shropshire trail to assist with an improved access/parking proposal.
- The running of two training days at Shrewsbury Sport Village during October.

UPDATE! – In the last issue we brought you news of the two new Powys guides we had been commissioned to produce for Powys Council, (accessible countryside trails and holiday accommodation). Having visited more than 98 accommodations, attractions and trails the research is now complete and we have some fantastic recommendations for the new guides which are still on schedule to be published by Easter 2012.

Recycle Corner

Recycling is a large part of our fund raising. Printer cartridges can be posted in a freepost envelope supplied by us (or freepost label for larger quantities and toners). We also collect used postage stamps and postcards. Please contact us for further details.

A BIG thank you all for your efforts last quarter we raised a fantastic sum of £88.55

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