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Nick's Letter

Here we are again reflecting on our second year of Ty Encil Carreg and recognising just how blessed we are to be working on our truly blessed isle of Bardsey. A unique and especially beautiful part of God's Creation as well as a unique spiritual heritage spanning 1500 years.

But for Janie and no matter how much we love and care for the gift of Bardsey Island itself, we always come back most specially to loving and caring for the people we meet there. For Ty Encil Carreg is above all about the people who make it all possible and this is what we especially want to give God thanks for as we come to the end of our second season.

So where do we start with our thanks? Well maybe it should be with the boat for without the efforts of Bardsey Island Ferry Service we would not even get there. Tony, Val and Chris and all the rest of his team have really pulled out all the stops to provide such a good service this year - whatever the weather has thrown at us.

Facilities and services on the island provided by the residents have taken a

great leap forward this year with so much to offer visitors from stories of the 'time eating goblins of Enlli' and craft workshops from Libby at the farm, art and drawing classes from Emma, magical boat trips from Colin and all the services of the Bird Observatory from Steve and his team. Thank you and bless you all.

A very special thanks to Patrick & Gwyneth on the island, who look after our visitors so generously.

The Spiritual life of the island has deepened and widened remarkably this year. The Hermitage has had continuous occupation from April by our Island Chaplains and others giving their time to continue prayer. Gwyneth has made the Island Chapel a very special and prayerful place for residents and visitors with her daily care. Carreg has been able to welcome this year an even wider range of visitors from many different denominations and spiritual backgrounds. Jane Davies continues to provide us with the very best Web Service, excellent printing and production for all our literature and sources much of our stock for the Carreg shop.

Janie has shared with you our appreciation of the work of our Management Committee and Trust volunteers, with Betty Wood taking over responsibility for the gardens this year and Ian Wood becoming our 'Works Manager'. We still need more volunteers and some very specific help with :

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Housekeeper's Report September 2004

- a. The administration of 'Friends of Ty Encil Carreg'
- b. A book keeper.
- c. Coordination of our prayer support and intercessors.
- d. Jane who produces this newsletter for us could do with editorial assistance now that Evelyn has retired.

So lots and lots of wonderful people to give thanks for. But above all we give thanks for you - **all of you** who support us and visit us and bring others !

Ty Encil Carreg is, above all, about you all who come to find that special peace and gift of grace that our Father has for each and everyone of us. And we hope will continue to come in 2005 and beyond. But you had better be quick if you want come next year, to join one of our retreats, bring a group or come on your own. Bookings are coming in very fast for 2005.

So our prayers and blessings go out to you from Ynys Enlli, the island of all you saints!

Rev'd Nick Hawkins



Celebrating our First Year!

COME FOR A QUIET TIME ON YOUR OWN IN 2005

Just as in previous years we have set aside a few weeks when we only take bookings from individuals or couples rather than groups and have a maximum of 4 persons staying in the house.

The dates are from Saturday

May 7th

June 18th

August 20th

September 17th

If you are a Friend of Ty Encil Carreg then you will get a discount of 30% on 2005 prices.

In March Ian, Betty, Val, Pauline, Cathy & Martin accompanied Nick and me to be this year's working party. Patrick & Gwyneth had already made sure that the house had been well ventilated during the winter months, as well as protecting bedding and curtains against damp & condensation. Although we repainted most of the downstairs surfaces, upstairs did not really require more than some touching up here & there. However, with such a talented crew on board (together with an extra few days due to bad weather) we were able to accomplish many other jobs that weren't on the original agenda, but badly needed doing. This included the downstairs walls and doors in the hermitage and oratory, and the exteriors of windows & doors in the house. Thanks to everyone's industrious and creative input, the house & hermitage were ready for the start of the season in May.

Thanks to a donation given by a very generous friend, we have been able to buy a brand-new large Calor gas fridge / freezer that complies with health & safety directives for keeping food.

The 'in house' shop has been a great success this year, and I intend to seek out more, suitable local art and craft, as well as the ones we already use. Very special Carreg Christmas Cards are now available - more details on page 4!

We are looking into safer & more eco-friendly ways of providing lighting in Carreg.

Many, many thanks, therefore, to all who have helped and supported the work of Ty Encil Carreg, particularly the island residents.

Diolch yn Fawr .

Janie Hawkins,
Housekeeper.

CARREG RETREATS IN 2005

We have 3 led retreats organised for 2005.
They begin on week beginning Saturday

- June 11th: 'Resting in the presence of God'. Revd. Mary Lewis.
July 16th: 'Nature and Spirit' David Russell and Revd. Nick Hawkins
August 13th: 'Island Spirituality' Revd Nick and Janie Hawkins

Mary Lewis's Retreat will cost £300 and the other two £250,
fully catered all inclusive. Friends of Ty Encil Carreg have a 10% discount.

Letter from our Patron

Ty Encil Carreg first year of operation as a retreat house has been a success thanks to everyone's hard work in particular Nick and Janie. The first year was celebrated with a special outing to Bardsey, which was well attended and much enjoyed by all present according to my spies. A delicious birthday cake and card marked the occasion.

Sadly I was unable to attend on that day but the sun shone and it was a perfect Bardsey Day.

This summer will be remembered for it's extraordinary weather but whatever the weather Ty Encil Carreg House Retreat and Bardsey offer the most idyllic place to gather ones thoughts, relax and meditate. One is privileged to be able to absorb the peace, the smells, the birds, the seals basking on the rocks and the perpetual motion of the tranquil and sometimes ferocious power of the sea pounding the shores of this Paradise Island.

This unspoilt environment and Ty Encil Carreg House have succeeded in offering you a place to stay where you can have complete peace of mind and time for reflection and prayer. The team at Ty Encil Carreg House look forward to opportunity sharing this all with you in the year ahead.

Lord Newborough

COME AND STAY FOR JUST A FEW DAYS

If a whole week is too long then we have 3 weeks next year when you can either come individually or book the whole house as a group for just half a week.

Saturday to Wednesday:

14-18 May

23-27 July

24-28 September

Bookings and more information including details of travel to Bardsey from:

Revd. Nick Hawkins. Bryn Mor. Llangwnadl.

Pwllheli. LL53 8NS.

Tel. 01758 770582

nick.hawkins@btinternet.com

Celtic Jasper Clocks of Ynys Enlli (Bardsey Island)

Created on the Llyn Peninsula using Jasper from Llanllawen Fawr. Uwchmynydd, Aberdaron.

The Bardsey Island clock is one of several designs that are being produced in the Uwchmynydd workshop and is currently only available in a wall hanging design. The dimensions are approx. 12"X 5" and are fitted with a Shontek precision quartz movement holding a 1 year guarantee and a certificate of authenticity as to its Welsh Jasper heritage.

£45.00 plus P&P

(Cheque or cash only)



For more information please contact.
Mr. C. Wood 01758 760 528

Evelyn's Letter

Being part of the beginning of such a great project had been a great joy. To watch the retreat house developing as a quiet place where all Christian denominations can explore the inner and outer pilgrimage, has proved to be important to many groups. Now is the time to step aside and allow younger and more able people to continue on.

I would like to thank my fellow directors, Nick & Janie Hawkins, also the wonderful band of volunteers who have given so much time and expertise to repairs and refurbishment inside and out. My thanks to Bishop Saunders whose encouragement of the project spurred us all on, and to Lord Newborough our patron, whose childhood memories of the house and his love for the island help us immensely.

Fund raising has been successful and I am so grateful to the many people whose generous donations enabled us to get on with the work rather than just debating the possibility. Also, I want to thank those who have made a financial commitment by direct debit, giving us future security.

My commitment to pilgrimage and the mission of the church is stronger and ever and the expansion of day retreats in my Parish will develop during 2005 as I have agreed to remain as Vicar of the Parish for some years to come. I will watch the Trust's progress and continue to encourage many to make the journey - to see the vision and to enjoy the place beyond time.

Evelyn Davies

Ty Encil Carreg Retreat House

Christmas Cards

Design 1: The Christ of Enlli Triptych
commissioned of Sr Theresa Margaret by Rev E Davies

Design 2: Snow on Bardsey
A unique, atmospheric photograph of a rare sight.

Pack of 5 of the same only £3.00 plus p&p

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BOOKING A GROUP VISIT TO TY ENCIL CARREG IN 2005

Bookings are coming in very fast for 2005. If you want to book the whole house come and stay as a group then we only have the following weeks left. Weeks beginning Saturday

30th April, 21st May, 25th June
27th August, 3rd September



Benlli III

07817 944063

Boat trips and charter from Aberdaron [Porth Meudwy]
Fishing, Coastal Cruises, Bird, Dolphin & Seal Watching, Sunset Cruises

Afternoon or evening trips around Aberdaron Bay, duration about an hour
£10 per adult, £7 per child under 14. Minimum 4 persons
Trips around Bardsey Island, following in the pilgrims' footsteps, for 2 hours
£15 per adult, £10 per child under 14. Minimum 4 persons
Cruises around the coast of Llyn, lasting for 2-4 hours
£25 per adult, £15 per child under 14. Minimum 4 persons

We would be pleased to cater for special interest groups or those requiring a particular itinerary. Please telephone to discuss your requirements.

Please note that all bookings are subject to weather conditions and whilst every effort is made to avoid cancellations at short notice, they may occasionally occur.