



ABERGAVENNY EISTEDDFOD NOW HAS A WEBSITE

A new website for the Abergavenny Eisteddfod puts information for audiences and competitors alike within easy reach at the click of a mouse button. The new address - www.abergavennyeisteddfod.co.uk, or www.eisteddfodyfenni.co.uk for the Welsh version - was launched on 25 February at King Henry VIII School in Abergavenny.

Councillor Val Smith, Chairman of Monmouthshire County Council, was the first official user of the site online. "I always enjoy the annual Eisteddfod concert in the Borough Theatre" said Councillor Smith "and now I'll be able to check all the details in advance and make sure I don't miss it."

The site gives comprehensive information about the Eisteddfod, which takes place on 17 June this year, with competitions for children, young people and adults. The evening concert in the Borough Theatre has become a highlight. It features classical music and popular songs by semi-professional singers and instrumentalists and a special section for young stars of the future.

The Eisteddfod website was funded by RCA - Rural Community Action - an organisation based at The Bryn, near Abergavenny. RCA works with Monmouthshire County Council, the WDA and Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations to support projects with information and funding advice. "Thanks to RCA" said Ceri Thomas, Eisteddfod Chairman, "anyone in the world can now find out about the Eisteddfod and about Abergavenny. Entering competitions will be easier and quicker, and there are links to other sites of interest as well."

Blind Lemon, a company based in Nantyglo, was responsible for the design of the new site. "We believe that good design and ease of use are both crucial in a website" said Pip Ellaway of Blind Lemon. "We have enjoyed working on this project and look forward to seeing the Eisteddfod go from strength to strength."

Note for editors

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Photo call: Cllr Val Smith, Chairman of Monmouthshire County Council, Richard Lewis, RCA, Ceri Thomas and Cllr Douglas Edwards, Chairman and Treasurer/Secretary of Abergavenny Eisteddfod, Pip Ellaway, Blind Lemon Web Design.

Committee members who have also contributed to the site: Deborah Haylock, Ian Morgan, Cllr John Prosser



WEBSITE FOR LOCAL EISTEDDFOD

Abergavenny Eisteddfod's new website went live today (25 January 2006). Now information about competitions and concerts is within reach of anyone in the world. The address of the website is ww.abergavennyeisteddfod.co.uk, or www.eisteddfodyfenni.co.uk for the Welsh version.

In its heyday, Abergavenny Eisteddfod was one of the premier cultural festivals in Wales, supported by Lady Llanover and her husband Benjamin Hall (of "Big Ben" fame). In the mid nineteenth century it drew visitors from far and wide, and competitors included some of the greatest European Celtic scholars.

In 2002 the Eisteddfod was brought to life again with competitions for children and young people in local schools. This year, its fifth anniversary, the highlight will be a grand concert in Abergavenny's Borough Theatre on 17 June, bringing together some of Wales' best singers and instrumentalists and showcasing talented stars of the future.

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Lansiwyd gwefan newydd i Eisteddfod Y Fenni eleni, i ddathlu ei phumed pen blwydd ers ei hatgyfodiad yn y ganrif hon. Ar un adeg, roedd Eisteddfodau'r Fenni, dan nawdd Arglwyddes Llanofar, yn enwog ledled Cymru, gan ddenu ymwelwyr a chystadleuwyr o blith rhai o ysgolorion pennaf Ewrop.

Tybed beth fyddai ymateb Arglwyddes Llanofar pe dywedech wrthi y cai wybodaeth am yr Eisteddfod bellach drwy edrych ar www.eisteddfodyfenni.co.uk?

Heddiw cynhelir yr Eisteddfod flynyddol ganol mis Mehefin, gyda chystadlaethau ar gyfer y plant a'r bobl ifainc yn Ysgol Brenin Harri'r VIII. Gyda'r nos daw tro'r oedolion, gyda chyngerdd mawreddog yn Theatr y Bwrdeisdref sy'n cynnwys rhai o sêr y dyfodol, yn ogystal â pherfformiwyd profiadol o bob rhan o Gymru.

Ariannwyd gwefan newydd Eisteddfod Y Fenni gan Gweithredu Cymunedol Gwledig, corff sy'n gweithio ar y cyd gyda Chyngor Sir Fynwy, Awdurdod Datblygu Cymru a Chymdeithas Cyrff Gwirfoddol Gwent i helpu prosiectau yn Sir Fynwy.

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Pip Ellaway o gwmmi Blind Lemon o Nantyglo, a luniodd y wefan. "Rydym yn falch iawn i gael gwefan sy'n hawdd ei defnyddio" meddai Ceri Thomas, Cadeirydd Eisteddfod Y Fenni. "Gobeithio ei bydd hi'n hwyluso'r broses o gystadlu ac o drefnu'r Eisteddfod, ac yn fodd i ddenu mwy fyth o ddiddordeb mewn cystadlu a gwylio."

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BRIEFING NOTE FOR EISTEDDFOD WEBSITE LAUNCH 25.1.06

Introduction: Ceri Thomas

On behalf of Eisteddfod Committee, delighted to welcome everyone - Cllr Val Smith, Chairman of Monmouthshire County Council & Mr Jeffrey Smith, Richard Lewis & colleagues of RCA, and Pip Ellaway of Blind Lemon, who designed the website, and who's kindly agreed to be with us tonight to make sure everything goes smoothly.

Many thanks to Mr Gareth Barker for allowing us to use the school for the launch tonight, and for his support of the Eisteddfod over the years. And thanks to Committee members - Doug, Ian, John P, Deborah especially.

Without Rural Community Action, the website wouldn't have been possible. (Thanks too to them for the refreshments which follow). Richard Lewis:

Richard Lewis says a few words about RCA's work. (2-3 minutes)

Ceri: Now I would like to ask Councillor Val Smith, Chairman of MCC, to be our first official online user. Very grateful to Monmouthshire County Council for all their encouragement and support, and grateful to Cllr Smith for her personal enthusiasm about the Eisteddfod.

Councillor Val Smith: Very pleased to have this opportunity to be here on behalf of Monmouthshire County Council to promote an event which the Council has supported, and which I always enjoy attending. It's an event which brings competitors and visitors to Abergavenny from miles around; the concert in the Borough Theatre is wonderful, and I can't wait to come again on June 17 this year!

Abergavenny Eisteddfod was world-famous in the mid nineteenth century, as you know, under the patronage of Lady Llanover. This is the fifth anniversary of the new Abergavenny Eisteddfod - appropriate that it has taken a step forward into the world of modern technology with the creation of a website for the Eisteddfod. I wonder what Lady Llanover would think if she were here today!

Looking forward to going into the website to see what it has to offer - I'm told I'll be able to find out who won last year's competitions, the history of the Eisteddfod, news about this year's competitions and a lot more. Now when I've had a play you're all welcome to come and have a go as well. Without further ado, here goes!

