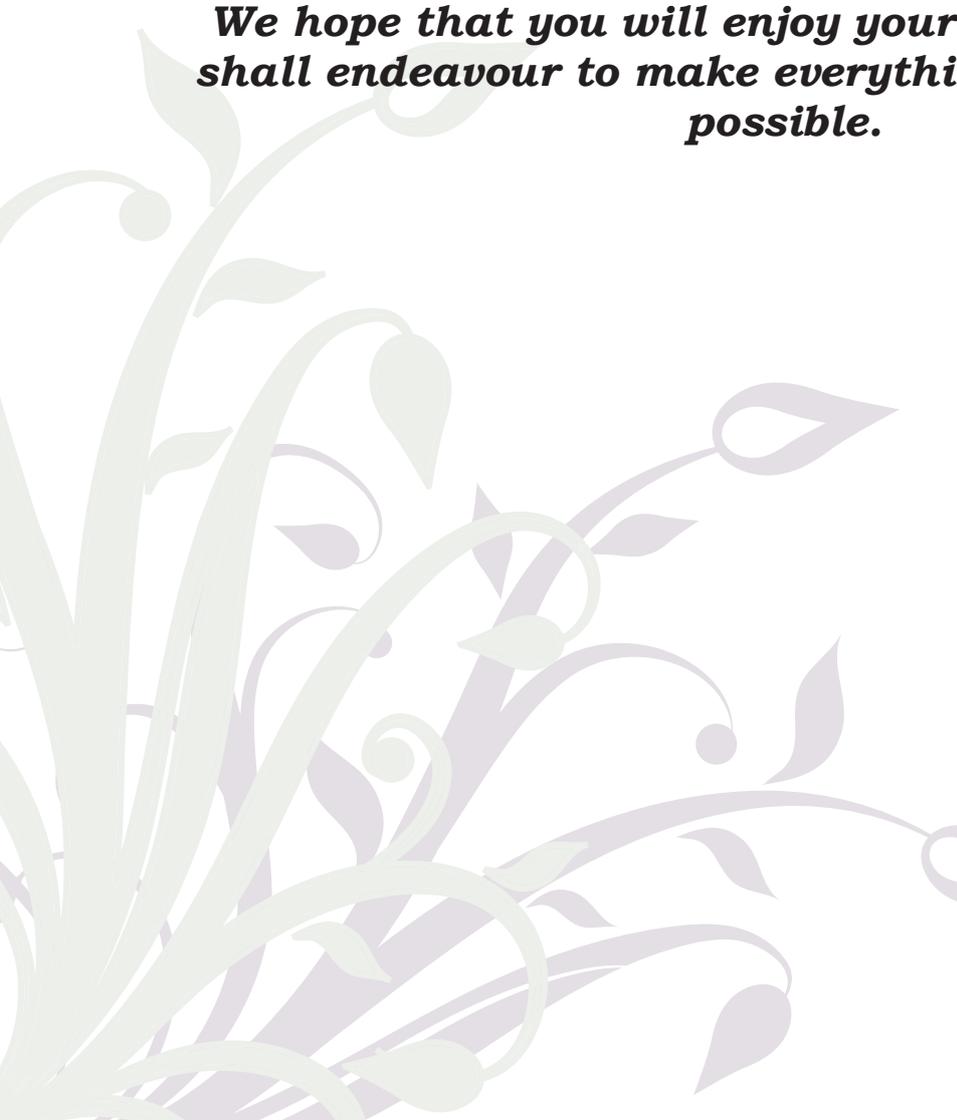


# Welcome Croeso

***We would like to offer you a warm welcome to Rhosydd Bach , a collection of well appointed self catering holiday cottages.***

***We hope that you will enjoy your stay here and we shall endeavour to make everything as enjoyable as possible.***



*"get away from it all"*

## **The Cottages**

Rhosydd Bach is a small collection of four well appointed, stylish, traditional cottages, with flexible sleeping arrangements ideal for parties and groups from 2 up to a maximum of 18.

### **Bwthyn Helyg (Hazel Cottage)**

This is the largest of cottages- sleeping 6.  
Spacious lounge/kitchen and dining area, separate hall area, bathroom, 3 bedrooms (2 double and 1twin). This is the furthest cottage from the entrance.

### **Bwthyn Y Dderwen (Oak Cottage)**

This is the centre cottage – Sleeping 5.  
Comfortable kitchen, lounge and dining area incorporating a spiral staircase to access the main bedroom upstairs.  
Large bathroom and 2 large bedrooms (1 double and 1 triple).

### **Bwthyn Yr Onnen (Ash cottage)**

This is the near end cottage – sleeping 4.  
Comfortable kitchen, lounge and dining area incorporating a spiral staircase to access the main bedroom upstairs. Compact bathroom and 2 bedrooms (1 twin and 1 double)

### **Bwthyn Celyn (Holly cottage)**

This is our most recent addition, it is separate from the others being on its own adjacent to the main yard – sleeping 4.  
Comfortable lounge/ kitchen, traditional staircase leading up to one bedroom and bathroom on the first floor. Second bedroom is located on the ground floor along with a separate bathroom with walk in shower/wet room.

*Rhosydd Bach is a sympathetic development of a collection of a turn of the century redundant agricultural outbuildings, much care and attention has gone in to the conversion and we would like to think that you can give the property the respect it deserves during your stay here.*

Parking is catered for in the main yard but you are welcome to come into the inner yard to transfer your luggage from your car into the cottages.

### **Carafan Y Goedlen (Woodland Caravan)**

In addition to the cottages above we also have a small simple static caravan , this lovely little unit is situated in its own private paddock about 50 yards from the cottages the other side of the play area.- sleeps 2/4.  
Small lounge area , galley kitchen, bathroom (with shower)1 double bedroom and 1 small twin bedroom – more suited for children.

## **Our Family**

We are Geraint and Eryl , who own and look after the cottages, along with the help of our two children Elis Morgan (8 )and Begw Gwenllian (6), and of course Grandmother - Ann , who is in charge of all housekeeping issues , we are all here to strive to make your stay here as enjoyable as possible, if you require any help or information about anything from dining out or just a good walk, please just ask.

There is a variety of animals around the place, a few cats which do like to wander everywhere so don't be surprised if you happen to see one on the sofa in the cottage, if you do just put it out, they are harmless enough.

We also have a couple of dogs, Gin- our springer spaniel and Sally Bach – a very inquisitive jack russell, they are all very gentle with people and children so don't be afraid.

We have a variety of ducks, geese, chickens, and other strange fowl dotted around the place, we keep them for breeding purposes as well as their delicious eggs and meat. If you have a wander around the place then you will soon find them.

## **Farm Animals**

We are in a very rural location and therefore surrounded by open fields and farmland, most of the farm animals you will see will be sheep and beef cattle. Please feel free to view them from the yard and paths but on no circumstances should you enter the fields and approach them, they are farm animals and can be quite unpredictable at times.

*If you touch or handle any animals then please wash your hands afterwards.*

## **The Grounds**

Rhosydd Bach is set within 8 acres of private grounds mainly consisting of gardens and young woodland, you are welcome to roam as you please, pets are welcome by prior arrangements but please make sure they are kept on a leash at all times(please see separate sheet for pets). There are numerous lanes and paths for to amble around and take in the fabulous views here.

There are numerous seating areas, gazebos and summer houses dotted around the grounds for you to relax and unwind or if you just want your own space and get away from everyone else.

Barbecues are supplied for the units, they are not designated so just find one which is free, charcoal is available but we would ask you to supply your own where practically possible, we would kindly ask you not to move the barbecue units from the gravelled areas

## **Play Area**

To the rear of the property is a dedicated children's play area the swings and climbing frames are designed for children between the ages of 4 and 13 years of

age, but just apply some common sense to the age restrictions. In the garden shed there are numerous other bits and pieces, you're welcome to play with all of these. If you remove things from the shed please put them back afterwards. If you play with a set please make sure all the bits and pieces are kept afterwards, please leave them as you found them so others can enjoy them afterwards.

**Children must be supervised by an adult at all times** whilst in the play area and use of all these items in the play area is **solely at your own risk.**

**We cannot be held responsible for any injury sustained whilst playing.**

**If you are not happy with these terms then please refrain from visiting the play area.**

We would ask you please not to take any dogs into the play area for obvious reasons of health and hygiene.

Please make sure all gates are closed at all times.

## **Nature pond**

As you walk up the drive turn right towards the field and then right and left again, there is a path here that takes you around the edge of the field and past the pond, this is a natural wetland environment attracting all sorts of fascinating animals, birdlife and insects. During dry spells it will dry out but still be a haven for wildlife, carry along the path and this will bring you out by the lane, turn left and this will lead you back to the cottages.

## **Honey Bees**

We have a small colony of honey bees, 3 hives in total, these are located about 50 metres from the end of the path (see nature pond), honey bees are harmless little creatures and will pose no trouble to anyone, do not go up the hives as this will frighten and disturb them, this is when they become aggravated – and we do not like aggravated bees, this creates angry bees and we all know what angry bees do. If by any chance you see a swarm of bees (many thousands together - bit like a cloud) then please do not go near them and let us know immediately.

Bees are very important for the ecology of the area helping to pollinate all the wild flowers, grasses & trees and more importantly our kitchen garden, unfortunately one by product of this is plenty of lovely natural honey!!

## **The Kitchen Garden**

The kitchen garden is still in its early stages, although the garden is relatively young we are starting to produce plenty of produce for ourselves and all the guests staying in our cottages, there is a large herb garden with many varieties of mint, sage and thyme as well some underused herbs such as feverfew, bergamot, angelica. All produce is very seasonal so please ask to see what is available, please feel free to wander in and amble around, any ideas or advice gratefully received.

## **Paddock**

Sometimes we have stock (animals) in the paddock, we would ask you to keep out of this area during this time, if the field is empty please feel free walk around at your own pace.

## **Lawned Gardens**

We have a few lawned areas surrounded by shrubs and trees, ideal for sitting, relaxing, maybe a picnic.

## **Woodland**

There is a wide variety of trees and shrubs planted in small belts on the land, up to last year we have planted in excess 5000 native and deciduous trees, as well as some more specialist specimens.

## **The yard**

The yard is on the way to the field and pond walk, this is a working yard where things are stored and kept. **Please under no circumstances enter the yard at any time**, the gate is locked but please don't climb the fence or gate to get over .

## **Refuse and Recycling**

**We operate a policy of recycling and waste management at Rhosydd.**

In the waste and recycling compound (old pig styles in the yard) there are separate containers to place your newspapers, cardboard, plastic, bottles and all tins and cans .We also try to compost all raw food wastes, i.e. fruit & veg peelings, old fruit and veg (no cooked food, meat or bones etc.), please place all compostable waste in the green bin , it will be emptied when necessary.

All other wastes should be placed in the black refuse liners provided and left next door to the recycling centre, this will transferred to the local council refuse collection.

Some people might think that this is a lot of effort for nothing, but we are just doing our bit for the environment and if we all did a bit then the world would be a much better place, if you don't like it then I'm not sorry and won't apologise, It's **our property** and we would ask you to abide by **our rules**.

## Housekeeping Issues

We are environmentally conscious here at Rhosydd, the cottages are extremely energy efficient, and are let on a fully inclusive basis (electric, gas, etc. included in the fees) but we would appreciate if you could be aware of wasting energy, i.e. turning bulbs off where necessary, not wasting hot water, just keeping an eye on the heating etc, etc, we're just trying to do our bit for the environment.

As we are out in the country the sewage system is an on farm septic tank system, these are quite sensitive so we would please ask that you **do not under any circumstances put any nappies, sanitary towels etc. into the system.** Please dispose of in the bins provided.

All dog waste is to be picked up, bagged and placed in the appropriate bins provided.

During your stay here we would ask you to respect the properties, a great deal of effort has gone in to making them in to a very comfortable and relaxing environment. All general cleaning materials are supplied and can be found normally in the cupboard under the sink, floor brushes, mops and a vacuum cleaner are also provided in each cottage. We would please ask you to leave the cottages in the same condition as you found them.

## Appliances

All the instructions for the appliances are enclosed, televisions are present in the lounge and in all bedrooms, a DVD player is also present in the lounge, clock radios are present in all bedrooms.

Wales is 100 % digital now and we do not receive any analogue signals. There is however a digibox receiver with every television and this gives you over 40 TV channels as well as radio channels.

There is a combined washing machine/dryer installed in each property (washing machine only in Celyn), dishwashers are also present, along with microwave, lpg gas cooker and refrigerator. We have left a small supply of the relevant cleaning tablets to get you started; you can purchase more at your own discretion. If possible please do not use the dishwasher and washing machine at the same time, try and stagger their use, sometimes if both are used concurrently it may trip the electricity circuit.

There are indoor clothes rails as well as outside clothes lines if you prefer to dry your clothes in this manner (this is the freshest way of drying).

The table lamps in the kitchen/ lounge areas are all connected to a separate lamp circuit which is controlled in the same way as the main lights using the switches, thus there is no need to switch off the lamps individually.

A torch is supplied in the property in case of the power failing, with today's sensitive trip switches on the electricity supply if a bulb fuses during your stay sometimes this will trip the whole lighting circuit, just locate the fuse box as we will have indicated and pop the switch back up again, this should suffice, any problems just let us know.

Fire, smoke and heat sensors are integrated throughout, if they happen to go off for any reason, false alarm or not please contact us immediately.  
Fire extinguishers are present on all floors along with a fire blanket in every kitchen, use or misuse of any of these items is fully chargeable to the tenants.

## **Heating & Hot Water System**

### **Helyg, Dderwen & Onnen**

These cottages have a shower and no bath, the shower is a combi shower, powered straight off the boiler, for maximum results turn on the shower to the max then depress the red button and carry on turning towards the red , this should give you a good hot shower.

The three cottages are fully heated using a fully integrated under floor heating system, hence no radiators on any of the walls, you should not have to do anything to adjust this as the temperature ranges and times have been carefully calculated and pre-programmed into the thermostat, but if you find it too hot or too cold just select the manual option of the stat and use the right hand side buttons to adjust up or down accordingly.

As you are aware, there is also a light in the shower, these are low voltage and are fully sealed and 100% safe.

### **Celyn**

This cottage has 2 bathrooms,

1: En suite upstairs. A traditional bath with a shower attachment, hot water is supplied via a combi shower, powered straight off the boiler.

2: Ground floor – a purpose built wet room with walk in shower.

The cottage is fully centrally heated – radiator system, you should not have to do anything to adjust this as the temperature ranges and times have been carefully calculated and pre-programmed into the thermostat, but if you find it too hot or too cold just select the manual option of the stat and use the right hand side buttons to adjust up or down accordingly.

### **Carafan y Goedlen**

This unit has a gas heater in the lounge, hot water is produced by a boiler, shower in bathroom.

### **Hosepipes**

There are a couple of hosepipes outside if you wish to wash anything down, i.e. car, dog, wetsuits etc, please be aware of wasting water.

## **Useful Numbers to remember**

Emergency Services	999 from any telephone
Local Doctors Surgery	01758 701457
Out of hours service	As above and will be redirected
Local Leisure Centre (Pwllheli)	01758 613437
Tourist Information Centre (Pwllheli)	01758 613000
Post Office (Pwllheli)	01758 612658
Pwllheli Harbour Master	01758 704081
North Wales Police	0845 6071002
Local Vet (Y Ffor, Pwllheli)	01766 810277

## Taxi Services

Sykes Taxis 01758 613553 (this is the one we use)

999 Taxis 01758 740999

## **Geirfa Defnyddiol - Useful Catchphrase**

Bore da – *Good morning*

Noswaith dda- *Good evening*

Os gwelwch yn dda gai----- - *Please may I have-----*

Sut 'dach chi – *How are you*

Ga' i beint o gwrw plis? – *Please can I have a pint of beer?*

Diolch – *Thanks*

Mae'r tywydd yn braf - *The weather is fine*

Faint mae'n gostio? - *How much does it cost?*

Ble mae'r lan môr agosaf? - *Where is the nearest beach?*

Ga' i banad o de plis? - *Please can I have a cup of tea?*

Faint mor bell ydy...? – *How far is...?*

Gwin - *Wine*

Diod – *Drink*

Bwyd - *Food*

Bwyd Da – *Good food*

Caws – *Cheese*

Bara – *Bread*

Mynd am dro – *Going for a walk*

Plant - *Children*

Ci - *Dog*

Cath - *Cat*

Cae Chwarae – *Play Area*

Lan y Mor/Traeth – *Beach*

Tywod – *Sand*

Mor - *Sea*

## Where to eat

### Restaurants

**Plas Bodegroes** , Efailnewydd, Pwllheli 01758 612363

One of Wales finest restaurants is located in the nearby village of Efailnewydd approximately 1 mile west from Pwllheli on the Nefyn road. Plas Bodegroes is a delightful Georgian Manor restaurant with rooms. The proprietors Chris and Gunna Chown pride themselves in quality of the highest standard. Wonderful, peaceful and relaxing ambience – ideal for that special occasion or a romantic meal with a loved one.

**Coconut Kitchen**, Abersoch 01758 712 250

Superb Thai induced cuisine , all prepared and cooked in front of your own eyes.  
**(highly recommended – must be the best place to eat in Lleyn today)**

**Bron Eifion**, Cricieth 01766 522385

Country House hotel, very good quality traditional cuisine (the venue for our wedding so it must be good!!), lovely grounds and surroundings, good Sunday lunch

**Castell Deudraeth**, Minffordd , Nr Porthmadog 01766 770000

Contemporary high quality cuisine served in a minimalist background, part of the Portmeirion setup.

**Portmeirion Hotel**, Minffordd, Nr Porthmadog 01766 770000

One of North Wales leading Hotels, Cuisine and grounds to match.

**Nanhoron Arms Hotel** , Nefyn 01758 720203

Good quality home cooked food, renowned for its Sunday lunch carvery.

**Tremfan Hall**, Llanbedrog 01758 740169

Good food in lovely surroundings, nice views of Cardigan Bay.

**Twnti Seafood Restaurant**, Rhydyclafdy 01758 740929

Fine seafood served up with a good selection of wine, not cheap but very good quality.

**Porth Tocyn Hotel**, Abersoch 01758 713303

Very good traditional country hotel and restaurant, superb for a light lunch, always very busy so book well ahead, it's an excuse to go to Abersoch for the day.

**Y Dafnod**, Llithfaen\_01758 750473

Very good country contemporary Welsh cuisine served in a local restaurant,annexed to 'Y Fic' in Llithfaen, a traditional Welsh pub.

## **Pub / Bar Meals**

**Tu Hwnt ir Afon** (pronounced "Twnti") Rhydyclafdy. 01758 740235

(next to the seafood restaurant)

This is our local, good beer and food to match, can get busy during the summer months, but most good places will !!. It doesn't get any better than this.

**Ship Inn, Edern** 01758 720559

A lovely find, cafe bar style inn recently renovated in the centre of Edern village. Very popular with locals and visitors alike and well worth a visit. No under 18s. Highly recommended for a relaxing night out, lovely ambience and most importantly good hearty food.

**Bryncynan, Morfa Nefyn** 01758 720879

Traditional homely pub serving good food. Well stocked traditional bar. Caters for families and has a designated play area. Highly recommended by the locals.

**Cliffs Inn, Morfa Nefyn** 01758 720356

Right on top of the cliff edge in Morfa Nefyn overlooking Porthdinllaen bay, worth going there if only for the view, good home cooked quality food, again ideal for families, large capacity.

**Ty Coch, Porthdinllaen**

Ideal for a spot of lunch at this famous pub on the beach, whatever you do down here when on holiday, please, you must go for a walk on the beach, have a quick drink at the Ty Coch and walk back again, superb!

**Glyn Y Weddw, Llanbedrog** 01758 740212

Very good family orientated pub, outdoor play areas, good atmosphere, ideal for a passing lunch.

**Penlan Fawr, Pwllheli**

Oldest pub in town, again family orientated in the middle of Pwllheli, good beer and selection of good food.

**The Victoria Hotel, Pwllheli**

Fine, traditional town pub near the beach at Pwllheli, popular with locals and visitors alike.

**The Lion Hotel, Tudweiliog** 01758 770244

Traditional pub menu, but very well cooked and presented well, nice outside seating area when the sun shines.

**Manana, Abersoch** 01758 713144

Its neither a pub or a restaurant but whatever it is, it's well worth a visit if you're in Abersoch. A Mexican restaurant with a real lively, informal atmosphere located in the heart of Abersoch. Very popular with locals and visitors alike. No bookings taken therefore they work on a first come, first serve basis, when its busy you'll have to queue 100 yards down the road if you want to secure a table so be early. I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

**Grapes Hotel** , Maentwrog 01766 590208

One of the best places for a pub meal in the area , especially if you happen to be heading towards the National Park area , full of atmosphere, great location, fine selection of beers and food to match, if we're ever passing we always make a point of calling in.

**Black Buoy , Caernarfon**

If you are visiting Caernarfon then this delightful inn nestling within the town walls is a must , good selection of home cooked food , good real ale , and loads of atmosphere .

**Gardd Fon** , Felinheli

(Translates into the Garden of Anglesey) as it looks out towards the Isle of Anglesey. This pub is on the shores of the Menai Straights on the bottom road in the Village of Felinheli (Portdiorwig)between Bangor and Caernarfon. Very fine food, always very busy so expect a bit of a wait .

**Fu's Caernarfon**

A popular restaurant located on the Caernarfon Harbour serving delightful oriental food in busy contemporary surroundings. The banquets are extremely good value for money – booking is advisable.

**Fron Goch Garden Centre**

Situated on the outskirts of Caernarfon on the Llanfaglan Road (head towards Caernarfon Golf Club in the first instance) this is a lovely find for a spot of lunch for all the family. Extensive menu including a delicious array of panninis, sandwiches, homemade cakes and hot food – something to please everyone. We spend many a Sunday here having a spot of lunch combined with inspiration for the garden and home.

Other places to eat, take away and of interest

**Castle Fish & Chips**, Criccieth – Probably the best fish and chips shop in the world... and the queues during the summer months speaks volumes. Makes a wonderful alternative night out and is ideal for families and true romantics. Eating fish & chips on the beach, alfresco style and watching the sun go down over Cardigan Bay. Opening times March–October.

**Allports** ,Y Maes Pwllheli

The best place for fresh fish and chips in Pwllheli

**Passage to India**, Porthmadog

Our favourite Indian restaurant, you will need to book as it's very popular. If you're into Indian food this is a must for you.

**Polash Restaurant**, Pwllheli

Indian/ Bangladeshi cuisine, take away and restaurant. We tend to use it as a take away, again very good when cooking is not high on the agenda.

**Chungs Chinese Takeaway**, High Street, Pwllheli

One of two Chinese takeaways in Pwllheli, but the only one that we would use. Run by the same family for last 30 years, good beef curry and the beef Cantonese is also a hit.

## **Tea Rooms and Café's**

### **Gwalia café**, High Street, Pwllheli

Very old fashioned and traditional tea room in the middle of Pwllheli, usually full of the locals catching up on their gossip, cream cakes to die for!!!

### **Gegin Fawr**, Aberdaron

Good selection of traditional Welsh cuisine at the very furthers point of Wales, just the place for a spot of lunch after a good brisk walk on the beach.

### **Cadwaladers**, Porthmadog & Criccieth

The best ice cream parlours in North Wales which also serves soups, drinks , sandwiches and cakes in the centre of Porthmadog , they also have ice cream parlours in Pwllheli ,Bangor, Llandudno and other numerous other venues.

## **Groceries, Fine wine & local food.**

### **Y Spar**, Maes Pwllheli

This is a large Spar and for the last 3 years has won Independent retailer of the year, fresh fruit & veg, local home butchered meat, good selection of wine and spirits, and everything else you will probably need during your stay. Delicious homemade food can be found on the Deli Counter.

We do have the usual Asda, Tesco, Co-Op supermarkets all within 10 miles but it's worth sticking to the local independents' as the quality is so good and the choice so diverse.

### **Fish Shop**, Next to the spar

Closed Mondays (no fish market), fresh fish, frozen as well, good selection pates, mousse and home made fish sauces and ready-made meals.

### **Thirst for Beer**, Maes Pwllheli

Again good independent wine merchant and off licence, wine from £3.50 to £50 bottle.

### **Y Bwtri**, Maes, Pwllheli and High St. Porthmadog

Local deli with a good selection of breads, cakes, cooked meats, preserves and pickles.

### **Gwalia**, High Street

Traditional bakers on the high street, not many of these around.

Everything from fresh bread to calorie laden cream cake, all made freshly on the day.

### **Poveys Butchers** , Chwilog

Traditional butchers, all our meat comes from them. If it's not on display ask for it, they usually have it in the back.

## **Other shops you must visit**

Believe it or not there are shops in Lleyn that are hidden treasures – but to make life easier for you I'll give you a little insight into where to shop.

### **Lleyn Furnishers**

A family run business located on the High Street, why not take home a lovely rug - a huge selection of everything connected to rugs and flooring. You may also see Geraint on your travels here as this is also one of our businesses!!

### **Siop Eluned**

Located opposite Lleyn Furnishers this is a lovely shop comprising of a range of gift ideas for all, hand-made crafts and traditional homemade sweets. Something for everyone and a warm welcome awaits.

### **Tonnau, Penlan St, Pwllheli**

A lovely art gallery with a café displaying an array of local artists work and lovely pottery and jewellery – a little bit of culture won't do any harm!

### **Finn & Louie , High Street, Pwllheli**

A superb little shop with everything you will need for the discerning household, from clocks to hand finished furniture.

### **Alcatraz Pwllheli**

Renowned boutique with branches in Pwllheli and Abersoch stocking designer ladies wear, menswear and children swear. Not cheap but well worth a visit to update your style in an instance. You are what you wear.

### **Oriel Pwlldefaid, Pwllheli**

Large selection of quality crafts hand-made in Wales – ideal for that personal present. Great opportunity for you to practice your Welsh with the staff!

### **Pollecoffs , Pwllheli**

A well established ladies boutique in Pwllheli catering for the maturer lady although Little Miss Pollecoffs over the road caters for all. Great choice of designer shoes – ideal for that something different.

### **Lily Rose, Pwllheli**

A popular shop stocking Noa Noa, Avoca Anthology, Ti-Mo and other designer ladieswear, You'll be spoilt for choice!

### **Oriel Kathy Gittins, Pwllheli**

Designer ladieswear, jewellery and art gallery comprising of designer ladieswear including Sarah Pacini and Crea Concept for the modern lady who prides herself on simplicity and elegance.

## **Domestic Pets**

Most domestic dogs are welcome at Rhosydd Bach (by prior arrangement). We do not allow large breeds or guard dog breeds as we have young children around most of the time .

Well behaved and obediently trained dogs are allowed in the cottages, please restrict them to the kitchen and living areas only, not to be allowed into the bedroom areas under no circumstances .

No more than 1 dog allowed per visit

**Under no circumstances should any animals be allowed in the cottages on their own at any time so please make sure they are with you always.**

You may take your dog on all the paths, roads, communal gardens, always keep them on a lead at all times, all dog excrement must be picked up and disposed of accordingly.

They are not allowed in our gardens and the play areas, and please do not enter any fields with stock in them.

As with all self catering establishments we expect them to be left clean and tidy upon departure, this is very relevant where animals have been, we do not charge extra for dogs but if we have additional work involved in cleaning and changeover resulting from animals then **you will be charged for the cleaning.**

**Any damage caused to any items in the cottage will be fully chargeable to yourselves, our insurance does not cover any damage caused by domestic animals, so if you are not sure about him or her, please make other arrangements.**

# The instant guide to the beaches and coves of the wonderful Llyn Peninsula

## **Borth-y-Gest, nr. Porthmadog**

Borth-y-Gest is a harbour side village situated on the side of the Glaslyn estuary, and however that may sound, there are some very pretty coves along the side of the estuary towards Black Rock that you can walk to from Borth-y-Gest - access isn't too good though and the village can get congested as the car park isn't massive. The village has toilets and a small shop.

## **Black Rock Sands, Morfa Bychan, nr. Porthmadog**

Probably the most famous beach on Llyn, with masses of sand at low tide. You can take your car on this beach (at a cost), which is ideal for families and people with lots equipment. Sometimes there can be a big enough wave here to surf on, but care should be taken in the sea at the south-east end of the beach, where the flow of the river at low tide could sweep people out to sea. There are usually ice cream vans on the beach and there are toilets in the sand dunes at the back of the beach towards the Criccieth end. Good views across south Llŷn and across to Harlech.

## **Criccieth**

### **East Beach**

This beach is the western extremity of Black Rock Sands and you can walk over this far at low tide. The top of the beach is mainly pebbles and there is a bit more sand at low tide. Criccieth town centre is near by with lots of services and car parking is found along the top of the beach. The castle is located at the western end of the beach and it is possible to walk around the headland around it.

### **West Beach**

The top part of the beach here has the most sand with lots of large rocks exposed at low tide. The beach is backed by a mainly residential promenade, however Criccieth's High Street and shops are not far away. There is some parking along the beach.

## **Glan-y-Don, Pwllheli and Abererch Bay**

The sheltered shores of Glan-y-Don are protected by the Gimblet Rock peninsula and the marina end of the beach may have some accumulations of sea weed as a result. However, just a little way along the beach towards Abererch the beach is generally much cleaner, but does get a little steeper. The beach is made up of good sand along the top and towards the marina, mud at low tide as the river estuary flows out right next to the beach, there is no mud further along.

## **South Beach, Pwllheli**

South Beach is about three miles long and is made up of mostly sand and bits of shingle, apart from the Carreg-y-Defaid end, which joins Llanbedrog beach at low tide, where there are more rocks. The beach is fairly steep and on rough days waves from the southwest boom onto the shore, so it's not really suitable for surfing! The recently improved promenade offers good access to the beach via board walks over the sand dunes that back the beach.

## **Llanbedrog**

Llanbedrog Beach is one of the calmest in Wales, sheltered by the huge headland of Mynydd Tir-y-Cwmwd. The beach stretches about a mile towards Pwllheli from this headland to Carreg-y-Defaid. The beach is a mixture of sand and shale at the top and there is increasing amounts of sand lower down. Further along the beach (towards Carreg-y-Defaid) there are increasing amounts of rocks at low tide - boaters beware! Access to the beach is from the lower part of Llanbedrog village.

## **The Warren/The Quarry Beach**

The Quarry Beach is on the southern side of Tir-y-Cwmwd and there is very little of it at high tide, but lots more at low tide. The car park at the back of the beach may get full up quite early on in the day during the main summer holidays. The beach is made up of good sand for its length and breadth up until the rocky area on the tip of Trwyn Llanbedrog (the headland). The beach stretches across the front of the Warren Holiday Village until the cliffs nearer Abersoch.

## **Abersoch Harbour Beach**

The Harbour Beach at Abersoch straddles both sides of the Afon Soch, one of the longest rivers in western Llyn. The small harbour wall on the southern side of the river is popular with children (young and otherwise) looking for crabs. The southern side of the river has a dog ban, but dogs are allowed on a section of the beach to the north of the river. There is very little car parking around either side of the river. On the south shore of the river is the village centre so amenities are close by, if you're on the northern shore you either paddle through the river or take the 5 minute walk around the inner harbour.

## **Abersoch Main Beach**

Abersoch main beach is very popular with water sports enthusiasts like wake boarders and water-skiers, and over recent years this had become a problem, so now part of the beach has a "boat ban". Dogs are also only allowed on the part of the beach south of the slipway. There is a shop and cafe at the top of the beach. The car park is set back from the beach a little but still gives good access, but you will have to pay during the main holiday periods. The beach is made up of good sand.

## **Porth Ceiriad**

Porth Ceiriad is out of the shelter that St Tudwal's Islands offer to the beaches around Abersoch, and gets a good deal of swell from the south west, ideal for

surfers, especially at the eastern end of the beach, where waves refract off the cliffs forming powerful "pyramidal" waves. First timers may want to start further along the beach. The car park is on the cliffs above the beach and accessible via Nant-y-Big farm (at a cost). You have to walk down a long series of steps to reach the beach, where large pebbles line the very top. The rest of the beach is good sand.

### **Porth Neigwl “Hell’s Mouth”**

Porth Neigwl or Hell's Mouth as it is also known gets the brunt of any south westerly swells coming up from the Atlantic between Cornwall and southeast Ireland. The beach attracts thousands of surfers every year, but with this has come problems, there can sometimes be litter all over the place, some of which comes off ferries, but visitors often contribute to the problem, so please, take your litter home. The car park is about a 500m walk from the beach across sand dunes.

### **Porth Ysgo, nr. Y Rhiw**

Porth Ysgo is accessed by a long light of steps leading down the cliff face at the beach of the beach. There is not much of the beach showing at high tide but a large expanse of sand is revealed at low tide. Sometimes the beach is suitable for surfers as it is exposed to the south-westerly swell. The difficult access is probably what puts most surfers off coming to this beach. There is a small charge to use the car park at the top of the path, which is located in a fairly derelict farmyard.

### **Aberdaron**

The beach at Aberdaron is mainly sand with the odd large rock around. The village is situated right on the back of the beach so local services are not far away. Dogs are allowed on the part of the beach to the left of the slipway that runs down to the beach next to the Ty Newydd Hotel. The beach is good for surfers if the conditions are right. Around the bay to the right of the sea front is Porth Meudwy where the boat sets off for Bardsey Island from. You need to book your place at the Bardsey shop in Aberdaron. There is a good sized car park in the village.

### **Porth Oer “Whistling Sands”**

Whistling Sands has to be one of the most famous beaches on Llyn as the sand here does actually "squeek" under your feet! This is due to the shape of the sand particles and only one other beach in Europe has this same quality. You notice the "squeek" best on the dry sand at the top of the beach. There is a small cafe/shop on the top of the beach and the car park is located up a steep little hill. Dogs are not allowed on the beach in the summer months. This beach is also popular with surfers if conditions are right.

### **Traeth Penllech & Porth Colmon**

This beach is very "out of the way" and the car parking is set back about 500m from the beach and there is then a short walk, following a stream to the beach. On high tides there is not much beach left so care should be taken to ensure you are not cut off. There are masses of sand here, with just one or two rocks jutting out every so often. This beach can be good for surfing if the conditions are right. Porth Colmon is at the western end of the bay and has a small slipway. There are small car parks at both entrances to the beach and slipway.

## **Porth Towyn**

Porth Towyn is near Tudweiliog, which lies on the Aberdaron - Nefyn road about a mile inland. The beach at Porth Towyn is very sandy, with the odd rock towards each end of the beach. The sand on this beach also "squeaks" when you tread on it, rather like it's more famous neighbour. As with Traeth Penllech, surfers can be accommodated on this beach if the conditions are right.

## **Morfa Nefyn & Porth Dinllaen**

The beach at Porth Dinllaen is probably best known for its pub, the Tŷ Coch. The pub is just one of a handful of houses that line the top of the beach, nestled behind a steep little headland. The beach sweeps all the way around to Morfa Nefyn from Porth Dinllaen, though at high tide you may have to walk across paths at the back of the beach rather than the beach itself. There is ample car parking and a shop near the Morfa Nefyn entrance.

## **Nefyn**

Nefyn's beach, displays some of the same characteristics as it's neighbour (Morfa Nefyn & Porth Dinllaen). There is a small collection of houses at the western end of Porth Nefyn and an entrance from Nefyn with a shop and car parking, though there is not as much car parking as at Morfa Nefyn here. Like the beach at Morfa Nefyn there is lots of sand and on the odd occasion there is a big enough wave for surfers.

## **Trefor**

Trefor lies at the foot of Yr Eifl, the highest hills on the peninsula and is relatively quiet, with it's small harbour and old pier, popular with fishermen. The beaches here do have some sand, especially in the harbour, though apart from that they are many pebbles. There are not many services in the village but there is car parking down by the harbour.

## **Dinas Dinlle**

The beach at Dinas Dinlle is sandy at low tide with large pebbles making up the top area of the beach, though even here there is some sand to be found. The long promenade offers large amounts of parking and there are a couple of shops in the village that backs onto the beach. Follow the signs for Dinas Dinlle from the A499 about 6 miles out of Caernarfon. The beach is exposed to westerly swells and offers good views along the mountains of north-eastern Llyn, Snowdonia and Anglesey to Holyhead Mountain.

# The 10 step guide to the wonderful area

## **1 Aberdaron and Uwchmynydd**

Take a trip down to the furthest village west on The Llyn, Aberdaron, admire the lovely views during the drive down, have some tea at the Gegin Fawr or something stronger at one of the local seaside taverns.

After a short break there YOU MUST carry on up to Uwchmynydd (a further 3 miles), drive right up to the top of the National Trust owned heather clad rocky headland and admire the superb if not magical View of Bardsey.

## **2 Ynys Enlli (Bardsey Island)**

Take a boat trip to Enlli, reputed burial ground of 20 thousand saints. It's a magical Island, sustaining a working farm, and a very important nature reserve. Boats sail daily from Pwllheli and from Aberdaron (Porth Meudwy), numbers are limited per day so you'll need to book in advance .

## **3 Porthdinllaen & Nefyn Golf Course**

This is a good hours walk. Head for Morfa Nefyn Beach, then for the golf course and take a right into a large car park. Then proceed up to the golf course, carry on down the road whilst admiring the views on the way, when you get to the end of the road you have two options, the long or the short . The long route is to carry on up the hill and head around the headland left to right, admire the seals and porpoises off the point and come down past one of the prettiest lifeboat stations in the country. You then carry on along the coastal path round until you get to Porthdinllaen , take a break and have a well earned pint at the Ty Coch. If you take the short option you come straight down to Porthdinllaen . Carry on along the beach round to Morfa beach, taking in the fabulous cliffs on the way and up the road then turn right and your back at the car park.

If you really want to push the boat out then on the other side of the Beach Road is The Cliffs Inn, good for a meal and a drink or two.

## **4 Llanbedrog Headland**

Park up at the National Trust car park(Llanbedrog Beach).

Head down towards the beach, there is a small café there if you want a cup of tea. Head around towards the headland on the right, follow the signs and then head up the stepped walkway up to the top of the headland. You can have your picture taken with the famous Iron man sculpture overlooking the bay. Then either carry on across the headland towards Abersoch and follow the paths down towards the main road and walk back or just go back the way you came. Good pub on the way up is Glyn Y Weddw.

## **5 Pwllheli Marina**

We have a superb Marina in Pwllheli with over 480 permanent berths and a further 500 on a park and launch facility. We were part of the Manchester Olympic bid and its one of Britain's Premiere Sailing Venues.

Park at the Glan Y don Beach car park , head down to the beach , bear right towards the point and you can see clearly the mouth of the estuary. You can carry on right around the sea wall all the way and you'll reach the boat storage yard where you must head back up to the road. Carry on for 200 yards and take the path back down to the sea wall, follow around the front of the Hafan Building and admire all the boats, carry on and then cross over back to Glan Y Don car park.

## **6 Criccieth**

Just head down towards the beach and explore. Lovely old castle up on the hill, quaint pebbly beaches by the sea. Good selection of café's, home of Cadwaladers Ice Cream (World Renowned) and the home of probably 'The Best fish and Chip Shop ever'

## **7 Yr Wyddfa(Snowdon)**

This is the highest mountain in Wales and second through the whole of the U.K. Good 4 hour trek and please make sure you are suitably clothed as the weather is very changeable up there. There is a train up to the top if you'd like to take the easier option .

## **8 Caernarfon Castle**

This is one of the best kept castles in the whole of the U.K. Owned and maintained by Cadw, the location of Prince Charles Investiture in 1969. A fine example of architecture at it's best. Afterwards why not visit the walled streets of Caernarfon and have a nice spot of lunch there.

## **9 Portmeirion**

Clough Williams-Ellis masterpiece of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century is located on the outskirts of Porthmadog in the nearby village of Minffordd. Neo-Classical Italian Design- Welsh village contemporary. You'll either love it or hate it. Portmeirion was the location of the 1960 TV series 'The Prisoner'.

Also boasts a superb collection of trees and plants up on 'the gwyllt' (the wild) with an array of footpaths to walk.

## **10 Abersoch**

A village full of hustle and bustle in the summer months, a popular destination for the jet set down here on the Lleyn. Lovely beaches, good selection of shops and plenty of places to eat. Be warned it will get very busy during peak season times and weekends.