

Welcome to the December issue of the **ForumWales** Newsletter – the bi-monthly newsletter of 'The Welsh Forum'. The purpose of this newsletter is to bring all members up-to-date with what's going on at **ForumWales** and also provide you with a small insight into what's Welsh on the Web.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Newsletter

Firstly, a small note relating to this Newsletter. Originally planned to be monthly, we have now switched to a bi-monthly publication plan.

The Site

December saw us pass the 10,000 post mark and things continue to go from strength to strength as our membership count reaches 275.

Unfortunately, we have a high percentage of 'ghost' members, those who register but do not participate – hopefully they will join in soon!

A major addition to the site since the last newsletter is the **ForumWales Blog**. This section of the site aims to bring together interesting 'snippets' from the Internet and beyond relating to Wales and the Welsh.

From news and events to links to other websites. General bits and pieces will also be added, without a Welsh theme, if they are worthy of a mention.

Take a look at the [FW Blog](#), there maybe something which interests you. It's updated frequently and you can post comments on each topic to let other readers know your views.

If you are new to the world of 'blogs', take a look here: [Wikipedia's information on Blogs](#).

We have some other additions to the **FW** website either in work now or planned for 2006. As our membership continues to grow, it becomes more and more important that members let us know what we are doing right and where we could do better.

Let us know if you have any ideas on how things could be improved or if you have any suggestions for additional content. We will listen to all suggestions and do our best to make **FW** an interesting place to visit.

You may have noticed the addition of a Donation scheme to the site. Why? Well, to maintain the **ForumWales** website costs money – for domain names, hosting, bandwidth, software and all the other techie bits which keep **ForumWales** online and available to all – and every little helps!



If you feel like supporting **ForumWales**, whether it is £5 or £5000, whatever the value, click the Donate button at the bottom of most pages within the Forum and proceed from there. Donations are handled securely by PayPal but you do not need a PayPal account in order to donate to **FW**.

Take a look at the donation page for more information: [Donation Page](#).

Finally, the Membership Maps have been updated and now include members who

That's It For Now

If you'd like to contribute to the February issue, please get in touch and we'll see what we can do.

Good luck for 2006, stick to those New Year resolutions and have a good year. Thanks to all members and visitors for your support and membership during 2005.



This month's closing photograph is of Fishguard, taken by **eyeQ** on Christmas Day.

Looks like it was a nice day in Fishguard on Christmas Day this year.

Visit the **FW Gallery** for more photographs from our members.

Until next time!

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