

LLAIS Y GOEDWIG

COMMUNITY WOODLAND GATHERING & AGM

FRIDAY 17TH & SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2021
COXWOOD, WREXHAM, NORTH WALES

Join fellow community woodlanders from across Wales for the 2021 Gathering & AGM. Hosted by our North Wales community woodland group members, enjoy a mix of practical demonstrations, workshops, delicious food, good company, and an inspiring site visit to Maes y Pant. Peruse the woodland marketplace with makers and creators from across our Llais y Goedwig network.

Children are welcome with games, archery, pedal carts, and a woodland playground for them to enjoy.

FRIDAY: try your hand at willow and hazel crafts or making essential oils from wild woodland products and explore ways to earn an income from your woods. Learn how to recognise your trees and use them for your wellbeing and discover how to manage the health of your wood; have your say on the climate emergency and the future of Llais y Goedwig at the AGM.

STAY FRIDAY NIGHT WITH DINNER, CAMP, FIRE, AND MUSIC: camp in clearings amongst the trees, share a delicious dinner, then settle by the fire with Gwilym Bowen Rhys, popular folk musician from Eryri (Snowdonia). All instruments welcome!

SATURDAY: Try mindfulness under trees and discover how to use wellbeing activities in your woods; share your experience of supporting volunteers; forage for and taste wild teas and be inspired by your visit to Maes y Pant community woodland.

...and so much more!! See programme for details.

HOST A STALL AT THE WOODLAND MARKETPLACE TO PROMOTE YOUR PRODUCTS/SERVICES - free spaces available for members!



Gathering bookings & stall enquiries:
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Getting there:
Directions to Coxwood [here](#)





GATHERING PROGRAMME - FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

10.00 am Registration, orientation, and a cuppa!

10.30 am **Welcome**

From the Llais y Goedwig Directors, Maes y Pant and an opportunity to introduce your group / organisation.

11.30 am **Select from:**

- **Woodland marketplace: browse the stalls and displays and drop-in sessions** – green woodworking, apple pressing, woodland bug and wildlife activities, wild teas!
- **Workshop: Make a gypsy basket** – learn this traditional method of basketry from coppiced hazel with Rod Waterfield of the Woodland Skills Centre.
- **Discussion: Supporting volunteering in woodland groups** – exploring supporting and managing community woodland volunteers and learn from each other in a facilitated discussion.

12.30 pm **Lunch** - selection of delicious vegan and vegetarian dishes with gluten free options available.

Networking and browsing stalls, drop-in sessions & displays – green woodworking, apple pressing, wild teas, woodland bug and wildlife activities!

2.00 pm **Select from:**

- **Woodland management: Managing Ash dieback walk and talk** - learn to recognise signs of Ash dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) and options for managing these trees with Coed Cadw - Woodland Trust in Wales.
- **Woodland skills: Knowing your trees** – Woodland Classroom's James Kendall offers a seasonal guided walk identifying native trees, nuts, berries and other autumn signs. Also, get your free Autumn Tree ID Guide!
- **Discussion: Generating an income from your woodland** – explore options for generating income from your woodland and creating a platform for community woodland products in Wales with Jenny Wong of Wild Resources and the Dewis Gwylt project.

3.00 pm **Llais y Goedwig AGM** – looking forward – new opportunities & election/re-election of Directors.

4.00 pm Tea break and group photo!

4.30 pm **Select from:**

- **Workshop: Using Woods For Wellbeing** - Woodland Classroom's Mindfulness in the Woods practitioner and counsellor Lea Kendall, offers practical ideas to use in wellbeing sessions for your community woodlands.
- **Willow crafts: make a Christmas tree** – join Kimnel Bay Willow for a practical session making a willow Christmas decoration, a fun activity to try in the leadup to the winter.
- **Workshop: Essential oils from wild woodland products (steam distillation)** – Join Sasha Ufnowska, LlyG Development Officer and avid forager for a demo on using steam distillation to create essential oils.

5.30 pm **Networking / browsing stalls and displays / optional discussion space / set up your tent!**

6.30 pm **Dinner, fire, music** – bring a bottle and an instrument!!





GATHERING PROGRAMME - SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

- 9.30 am Registration, orientation and a cuppa!
- 10.00 am **Welcome**
From the Llais y Goedwig Directors, Maes y Pant and an opportunity to introduce your group / organisation.
- 10.30 am **Select from:**
- **Woodland marketplace: browse the stalls and displays and drop in sessions** – green woodworking, apple pressing, woodland bug activities, wildlife activities, wild teas.
 - **Archery** - 12 places available – priority given to children but grownups can join in too!
- 11.30 am **Select from:**
- **Workshop: Woodlands For Wellbeing** – take part in a wonderful woodland mindfulness session followed by a discussion on woodlands for health and wellbeing with Sabine and Kate from Coed Lleol (Small Woods)'
 - **Discussion: Community woodlands and the climate emergency** – join a facilitated discussion on the impacts and actions we can take as individuals, groups and through our Wales-wide network.
 - **Woodland management: Woodland health survey** – A survey technique which will help you discover, record and understand your woodland, suitable for those starting out as well as groups with existing knowledge.
 - **Archery** - 12 places available – priority given to children, but grownups can join in too!
- 12.30 pm **Lunch** - selection of delicious vegan and vegetarian dishes with gluten free options available.
- 1–3 pm **Maes y Pant site visit**
Maes y Pant is very popular 70 acre woodland in Gresford (close to Coxwood) owned and managed by the local community. Meet the group as they take us on a tour of their woodlands that include a green gym, new mountain bike circuit, children's area and nature walking routes.
- 1 – 3 pm **On site activities**
- **Networking and browsing stalls and displays**
 - **Foraging walk: Woodland teas!** - A lighthearted wander through the woods to find wild tea ingredients with a tasting session.
 - **For the kids** – woodland activities, crate stacking and pedal carts
- 3.00 pm Tea break and group photo!
- 3.30 pm **Conclusions and next steps**
- 4.00 pm Gathering ends



COVID

We want to minimise the risk of transmitting covid whilst enabling everyone to have a great couple of days. We're doing this by having the event outside, small groups and keeping everything very clean. We're going to need your help too so bring along your mask and work with us to make our Gathering safe for everyone.