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SPRING IS IN THE AIR AT TREDEGAR HOUSE!



Once again Tredegar House and Park is a hive of activity. After the dark and wet winter months, we are looking forward to slightly warmer weather, especially as our heating system continues to cause us problems in the house. The terrible wind and rain of January and February left us with several slipped slates and roof leaks. At the last count we had thirteen roof leaks and we currently have scaffolding at the back of the house and in the inner courtyard so we can carry out some emergency repairs. The roof is becoming a major problem, however, so we are planning a detailed survey over the next few months which will inform the planning for what is likely to be a major re-roofing project.

Meanwhile, we continue to carry out smaller conservation projects such as work on the panel paintings in the Gilt Room. We are also developing our understanding of the internal fabric of the building through specialist surveys. We are currently awaiting the results of surveys on all of our ceramic tiles, plaster ceilings and the historic 'country house technology' we have in the house such as the copper boiler, the bell system and the shower in the cow bathroom. Wouldn't it be fantastic if, in time, we could have some of these things working again?

The shop continues to do well in its new location and we have a new range of plant sales in the inner courtyard of the Brewhouse. The tea room has a new spring menu. All of our cakes, soups, pasties and pork pies are homemade. The new lemon curd cake is proving a particular favourite...even the lemon curd is homemade. In March we sold 9 whole lemon curd cakes in one weekend!

Our final piece of exciting news for this month is the Griff Rhys Jones has been with us recently filming for a four part BBC documentary series about the National Trust in Wales. Filming will continue throughout the summer and the series will be broadcast in October on BBC4 and BBC Wales.

Oh...and remember to check your attics and cellars for family heirlooms. Antiques Roadshow will be at Tredegar House on Sunday 22nd June!

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