

Erw Wen Feidr Brenin, Newport, Pembs. SA42 0RY

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Here are directions, instructions and some general information to help you plan for your holiday. We hope you will have a really enjoyable stay.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIME: Please arrive no earlier than 3:30 pm. Please leave the property by 10:30 am to allow the cleaner adequate time (unless you have negotiated different arrival/departure times).

ENTRY: Enter the house through the BACK DOOR! You go behind the house, down some steep steps leading from the parking area (take care here, and use a torch if arriving at night). The back door is a "stable" door. The key operates the lock in the top half. NB. This is the door we normally use as entrance/exit to Erw Wen..

KEY: A key safe is located on a wall to the right at the bottom of the steps. The code is **8202**. Pull down the flap, enter the code, and then pull down the lever on the left. When leaving please return the key to the safe and scramble the dial.

DIRECTIONS: From most places, the fastest route is to take the M4 to the very end. Then continue on to Carmarthen where you pick up the A40. (There are other routes from the Midlands and the North, for example, try the Head of the Valleys road.)

From Carmarthen follow the A40 to Fishguard (via Haverfordwest.) Then take the A487 towards Cardigan. At the roundabout in the centre of Fishguard, read your odometer. 4 miles from Fishguard you reach the village of Dinas Cross. Look for a Murco garage on the right, exactly 4.2 miles from Fishguard. Keep going and exactly 2 miles past the garage, take a left turn signposted Feidr Brenin. This is a small single track road close to the brow as you climb a straight hill just past a group of houses on the left. If you reach Newport (1/2 mile further) you missed the turn!

You are now on the enclosed map. Erw Wen is exactly half a mile down Feidr Brenin, a "no through road" that ends at the sea. Just after a line of bungalows on the left you reach a crossroads with Feidr Ganol joining on the right. Carry on down a steep and narrow section for about 200 yards. You pass an unadopted road which forks left signposted to Bettws. Go straight, and Erw Wen is exactly 75 yards further on the left. There is a metal gate that you may have to open. Erw Wen is a converted bungalow; there is a sign to the left of the front door and on the gate (not visible if the gate is open.) Parking is between the house and the garage/workshop. (If you miss Erw Wen you'll reach the estuary 130 yards further on.

Note: "Satnavs" do not provide the best route in our experience!

Allow around 4.5 hours from West London or 4 hours from the Midlands, plus stops.

(Shorter faster route for intrepid map readers: With good (OS) maps, it is quicker to follow the A40 until it intersects the B4313 near Narbeth - about 10 miles before Haverfordwest. Turn right onto the B4313 to Maenclochog, and on past Rosebush. Turn right at a crossroads onto the B4329 and climb up and over the Preseli Hills. Just after the cattle grid on the way down, fork left and work your way through narrow single track roads to Newport - there are signs at every turn but one. Just after you enter Cilgwyn a left turn has lost its Newport signpost; follow the **candle workshop sign** here. This route is not recommended for first time visitors!

The attached map shows Newport - it is about 15 minutes walk to the centre and shops.

HOUSE KEYS: All keys (front door / French windows / garage etc.) are kept on hooks in the kitchen - in the shelving to the right of the utility room door. Please leave them there!

BEDDING: Don't forget to pack your linen: Sheets, Duvet covers, towels and tea towels!

Duvets and pillows are either on the bed, or in the drawer under the relevant bed. The beds are all standard sizes: eg 4'6" wide for doubles.

Important: The duvets and pillows have protective covers - please take care not to remove these by accident when you leave.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION is kept in a binder on the shelves in the kitchen (next to the utility room door). It contains instructions for the appliances as well as some ideas on what to do and see. There is a check list of things to do when you leave. A few brochures for activities are kept in the middle drawer of the dresser.

SAFETY: Please read the instructions on the board about safety precautions on arrival.

RUBBISH: Rubbish is collected by a private collection service after you leave, from the TWO wheelie Bins at the side of the garage. There is one for recyclables, and one for general waste, which includes any food, nappies, dog poo bags etc.

All waste (except glass ie bottles/jars etc.) must go into tied black bags and into the appropriate bin. **Bottles and jars** must be taken to the recycling bins in the car park in the middle of Newport. You should ideally take other recyclables to these bins also.

IMPORTANT: We are charged extra if there are more than SIX bags of rubbish left.

We will pass the extra charge on. Recycle as above to keep the number of bags down.

Detailed instructions about rubbish are stuck to the side of the Fridge/Freezer in the Utility room - please read carefully!

COOKING ON AN AGA: Aga users think that there is no other way to cook!

The 'secret' is to plan in advance; an Aga does not heat up in a hurry. They are great for slow casseroles. There are two plates for cooking. The left hand plate is the hot one and the right hand one is less fierce - for simmering. There are two ovens. The top oven is the hot one, the lower one is great for slow cooking and warming. There are more detailed instructions in the binder, and a very old, probably irreplaceable, Aga cookbook on the shelf for reference.

TELEPHONE: 01239-820282 There is a telephone near the front door. Recently, no-one has used this phone for outgoing calls, so we cancelled our expensive package and now pay for calls. You are welcome to give out the number for incoming calls and to make a few short calls if necessary. More information is in the binder and by the phone.

SHOPPING WHEN YOU ARRIVE: You can shop until 10 pm, at the Spar Supermarket in Market Street. There is also a large Tesco in Cardigan. Last time we checked it was open until 11 pm on Saturdays. Take the main A487 to Cardigan. At Cardigan, don't go into the town, but follow signs for the A487 to Aberystwyth. Cross the new bridge over the River Teifi, and you will see Tesco on the left about 1/2 mile beyond the bridge. If you're not up to cooking on your first night, read the "Eating Out" recommendations in the information binder in the house which includes details of restaurants and take away food.

CLEANING ON DEPARTURE: Please leave everything acceptably clean, and preferably as clean as when you arrived - especially pots, pans and cutlery.

HELP DURING YOUR STAY: Please call the owners, and we will arrange local support as necessary. Call us at home: 020-8940-7087 or

Teresa (Mob) **0777-316-0247** Brendan (Mobile) **0781-488-1743**

SERVICES:

These will normally be on, but these instructions will help you know where they are just in case you need to switch them on or off.

- **Electricity:** The Consumer Unit is in the porch by front door - use the step ladder kept nearby to reach it.
- **Water:** The mains tap is under the sink. It is quite stiff!
- **Hot water (and heating):** The controls are in front hall to the right of front door. The mode switch changes the operation - it should normally be on AUTO for both water and heat. If you need extra heat press the OVERRIDE or preferably the EXTRA HOUR buttons. Press the latter up to 3 times for up to 3 additional hours. Full instructions are in the binder. The gas/electricity charge covers the use of central heating **except** during the "LOW" cost (Summer) period - which means lets that start in June to end August. If you need to run the heating in low season, please pay us £4 per day extra.
- **AGA:** This is normally left on - detailed instructions are in the binder in the kitchen.
- There is a small **larder fridge** in the Kitchen and a **fridge/freezer** in the Utility Room.
- **Wood Burning Stove:** If you hit a cold spell, one way to keep warmer is to light the wood burner. Please do **not** burn coal on this fire, although it is possible to buy a bag of Anthracite to supplement wood. Once warm, shut the primary air control and use only the secondary control as this will keep the glass clean. We don't supply fuel for this stove; please buy logs locally. Please do not use the logs in the shed or garage. Please leave the fire clean. The glass can be cleaned with fine wire wool. Read the instructions in the binder for more information (a copy is kept by the fire.)

FINALLY!

- Erw Wen is our home. We hope you will look after it well and leave it clean and tidy.
- Please sign the visitors book in the living room when you leave, and please use it to pass on any useful information to those that follow you.
- Please ensure that you put everything back in the same place that you found it.
- Please tell us if you break or damage anything, and make good the item if you can. If you don't do this, those people coming in after you will be without it.
- If you want more people to stay than you declared when you booked, then you must seek our consent prior to arrival.
- Please do not smoke indoors.
- Pets are only allowed by prior agreement as per the booking conditions. In particular, please provide bedding and food bowls for your pet and keep them off furniture and bedding. Please do not leave them unattended in the property. We also request that your pet's flea treatment is right up to date.

Finally, should you have a problem, do please bring this to our attention so that things may be put right as soon as possible. We do hope you have an enjoyable holiday in this beautiful area of Wales.

Other notes:

Table tennis Table: This has been repaired several times. It **MUST** be left in position. Please do not try to move it or it will almost certainly break again.

Barbecue: We've had to replace the ash catcher for the Weber Barbecue as it was damaged by hot coals. Please don't use too much charcoal, or let red hot charcoal fall on the ash catcher - it seems to be easily damaged. There's also a "starting chimney" in the garage which gets the barbecue going very quickly.

Kitchen HiFi: The Denon Hi-Fi unit can receive Digital Radio and play MP3 CDs, and also has Bluetooth to connect your phone.

DVDs: The small library of DVDs in the living room is expanding slowly - please put DVDs back on the bookshelf.

Books / games: There's a selection on the shelves in the living room.

Beach Equipment: Several families have donated beach equipment to Erw Wen, and our collection is growing. We now have about five surf boards and other beach equipment, including nets, plastic buckets and spades. This is all left in the garage and you are welcome to use it. However, please do not touch the boats or windsurfers. As always, with anything to do with the sea, take great care.

Recent changes:

- There are three new chairs in the extension with the sea view, replacing the old wicker chairs.
- The small sofa in the living room is showing its age, and looks as if pets have had fun with it! We are getting it re-upholstered (it has sentimental value), but this can't be done until June, so we apologise for the condition of this item. There is a throw over it so it is usable.
- The broadband is now faster – we changed to a new contract. In upgrading we were forced to move to a new phone system, which BT calls "Digital Voice". Hence you will find a different handset in the hall. The phone only works if the router is switched on, so we recommend it never gets switched off.
- There's a new kettle. In the previous year we replaced the toaster, microwave and the other two seater sofa in the living room, and also acquired a headboard for the downstairs single bed.
- **New fire regulations now apply to holiday lets.** More details are in the house. In particular there are emergency torches in each bedroom that light up when lifted or in a power failure. The new regulations say that candles should not be used.

Corrections: If anything in these instructions was confusing or incorrect, please let us know so we can improve them. (Please send corrections by email to info@erwwen.co.uk)