



**Friends of the Earth Pembrokehire**  
**Cyfeillion y ddaear Sir Benfro**

## Christmas 2023

### Wishing you all a great Christmas break

Rebecca, Ellie and Bettina



### Our AGM Tuesday 23 January 2024, 6.30 pm

Seminar Room, Bloomfield Centre, Narberth

Refreshments at 7 pm

Followed by talks at 7.30 pm

Jess Mcquade, Save River Teifi Steering Group member, and WWF Cymru Wholescape programme

Joshua Beynon, Pembrokehire County Council, The net-zero work and the council ranking by Climate Emergency UK

Detailed results as well as methodology is on website: <https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/>

### A story by Gordon James

#### The Day the Environmentalist Gave Away His Daughter

My daughter was eight months old when my wife returned to work. I, with occasional help from a neighbour, happily fulfilled my duty as househusband during the day while finding time for anti-nuclear campaigning in the evenings and weekends.

Then one day, I had to attend Carmarthen Magistrates Court to give evidence in a case that had arisen out of the campaign against the building of a nuclear bunker in the town. As I was about to enter the courtroom with baby in arms, the magistrate shouted, *'stop you can't come in here with a baby'*. I halted and, on hearing a nearby voice say, *'It's all right, I'll hold the baby for you'* I hesitatingly handed our precious little daughter to a man who I didn't know but who I'd seen many times on the bunker campaign. In the courtroom, as the doors closed behind me, I thought, *'oh my God, what have I done'*.

As soon as I had given evidence, I rushed towards the exit only to hear the magistrate announce that he was fed up with people continuously coming in and out of the courtroom and instructed the policeman to stop all entries and exits until lunchtime. Horrified, I sat on the edge of the seat gazing at the policeman's boots and wondered how I would inform my wife when she came home from work that I had given away the light of our lives to a stranger.

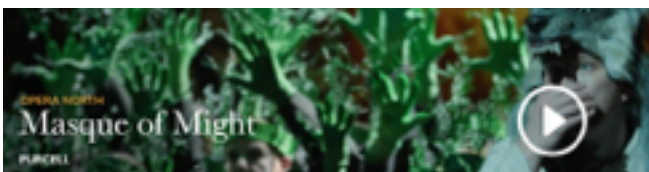
Then, out of the blue, the magistrate, who had become more and more irate, ran out of patience with proceedings and announced that he was adjourning for an early lunch. In a state of near disbelief, I rushed out to find my baby daughter where I'd left her. She was happily tugging at the beard of a man who looked very relieved to hand her back to her father.



Rebecca, Ellie, dressed as an emperor penguin, and John Childs from Swansea FoE protesting in Cardiff

### Holiday viewing – Masque of Night

<https://operavision.eu/performance/masque-might>



Diktat is a tyrannical ruler unleashing chaos on the planet. But, as a band of unlikely heroes forms, launching a battle of biblical proportions, can a shattered world heal in time?

*Masque of Might* is the world premiere of a witty and satirical new opera which sees Sir David Pountney skilfully assemble Henry Purcell's music to create a fantastical and thoroughly modern tale of power, corruption and the gathering climate crisis.

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