

July

Gorffennaf

Wanted: more volunteers to help on the IOP stand at the National Eisteddfod for Wales. Thank you very much to the members who have already volunteered and will be helping me enthuse children (and adults!) about physics. However, a few more would be very useful especially on the first weekend. For more information about the stand see the section below - IOP in Wales. Please drop me an e-mail if you can spare a few hours.

If you have anything that you think you would like covered in these e-bulletins or anything you feel the Institute should be doing this year then please drop me an e-mail Angharad.Thomas@iop.org.

There will be no August bulletin therefore I'll see you all in September.

Best wishes – Dymuniadau gorau

Angharad

News in brief

Newyddion yn fyr

[Ice may disappear from the North Pole this year](#). A report in [The Independent](#) discusses research by polar scientists.

A-level grades and the UCAS point-scoring system, which treats all subjects as equally difficult, have been tarnished by new research. Durham University published a report commissioned by the Institute and the Royal Society which compared the relative difficulty of A-levels and GCSEs. For further information click [here](#).

The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) has completed and published the results of its [Programmatic Review](#). Three months of consultation resulted in more than 1400 submissions being made to STFC from members of the research community.

Did you watch Wimbledon? Are you interested in how they can hit the ball that fast? The BBC has a webpage devoted to the [science of tennis](#).

Institute of Physics in Wales

Sefydliad Ffiseg yng Nghymru

The [National Eisteddfod](#) is in Cardiff this August. I've joined forces with Catherine Beddoe (regional officer, Wales, for the British Association for the Advancement of Science) and we will have an exhibition in the science and engineering tent. The theme is cosmology and we are planning to have demonstrations on the planets and Columbus. The Eisteddfod runs from 2 August to 9 August 2008. Any offers to help would be gratefully received – even if you can only spare a morning.

Institute of Physics

Sefydliad Ffiseg

For current information about the Wakeham review click [here](#).

[Forthcoming Institute conferences](#)

[What's on in physics](#)

physicsweb events listing which lists [all physics related events](#).

Events in Wales Digwyddiadau yng Nghymru

Os ydych yn edrych am ddiwrnod o hwyl seryddol dros wyliau'r haf yna dyma'r lle i chi. Mae Cymru yn y Gofod yn cael ei gynnal yng Ngardd Fotaneg Genedlaethol Cymru ar Dydd Sadwrn 23 Awst 2008, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

If you want a day of astronomical family fun then look no further. Wales in Space is being held at the National Botanical Garden of Wales on Saturday 23 August 2008, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For information on what's going on in Wales – have a look at "[What's on Wales](#)" or "[Golwg ar Gymru](#)".

Useful Links

Cysylltiadau Defnyddiol

[EPSRC](#) – Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council

[STFC](#) – Science and Technology Facilities Council

[HEFCW](#) – Higher Education Funding Council for Wales / Cyngor Cyllido Addysg Uwch Cymru

[bbc.co.uk/wales](#) / [bbc.co.uk/cymru](#) – BBC Wales / BBC Cymru website

[The National Assembly for Wales](#) / [Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru](#)

[The Welsh Assembly Government](#) / [Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru](#)

[European Commission – Research](#)

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