



# Glenn Gazette

Weekly News Report from the GLENN FAMILY FOUNDATION

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## Special points of interest:

- Rugby Union a favourite game for GFF!
- Alana's Blogs are now online!!
- [www.glennfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.glennfamilyfoundation.org)

## £50,000 for Lights at Rugby Grounds

Owen Glenn has always had a great passion for the game of Rugby Union. Whilst working with his logistics company from California in the late 90's he was an avid supporter of the local Belmont Shore Rugby Club. With the backing of the Glenn Family Foundation, Owen organised a reunion tour in 2005 for the club to participate in whilst travelling around the United Kingdom. One of the three games was played against the Heol y Cyw Rugby Club in Wales where Owen's generosity and gift changed the lives of one Welsh rugby club and its supporters forever!

In this weeks issue we highlight a very special impromptu gift from the GFF given to the Heol y Cyw Rugby Club valued at over **£50,000.00!**

The Heol y Cyw Rugby Football Club is a Welsh rugby union team based in the small village of Heol y Cyw near Pencoed. The team hosted the Belmont Shore Rugby boys from California and organised a local tournament and after game function at their club rooms. Due to very limited facilities at the ground, the game could only take place during daylight hours and as we all know and appreciate in Northern Europe this can be very limited during the winter months!

Owen however was so impressed with the team, the local supporters and the community at Heol y Cyw that he agreed to donate enough funds to have professional floodlights installed at the grounds.

Everybody was astounded, Owen had only been there for an afternoon but this was a true

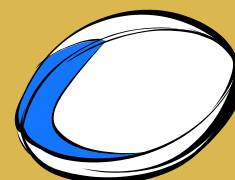
example of his generosity and kindness. It was not only the enjoyment of watching a game of rugby union that warmed Owen's heart but more the combined community spirit and welcome felt by all during the visit to Heol y Cyw.

With the GFF's financial donation for the upgrade of their facilities, it allowed a much wider group of people to enjoy the use of the fields during more hours of the day. With the installation of professional floodlights it meant outdoor activities could continue even when darkness fell at 3pm just as school or work was finishing for many people.

To celebrate the completion of the project and to thank Owen and GFF for the donation, there was an opening match played on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007 under the floodlights (see picture right) where over 200 local spectators turned up to support their team. The enthused and challenging opponents where a representative team called Glamorgan County Rugby Club.

With match kick off at 7.15pm, presentations after in the Clubhouse including a plaque to commemorate the new lights, a buffet meal and even a performance by the Ogmere Valley Male Voice Choir – the party carried on till after midnight!

Many thanks must go to past Secretary of the Club, Alan Thomas who was the point of contact for the GFF and who also organised quotes plus oversaw the whole floodlight project from start to finish. Further information on the Heol y Cyw Rugby Football Club can be found at [www.heolycywrfc.co.uk](http://www.heolycywrfc.co.uk)



The two teams playing under the flood-lights provided by GFF.

## RUGBY FEATURE

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*To give hope where there is despair  
To teach the hungry how to feed themselves  
To educate those that want to learn  
To provide medical resources to the sick  
To nurture spiritual enhancement & faith  
To develop self esteem and pride  
To provide a self supporting life style  
To encourage family to become the base  
of a community*

### THE SUPPORTING TEAM with GLENN FAMILY FOUNDATION and Mr Glenn who ATTENDED the OPENING MATCH for the FLOOD- LIGHTS (23/10/07)



Pictured L to R: Steve Vent (Manager, Belmont Shore Rugby Team); John Anslow; Jeremy Sayers; Malcolm Gordon (John, Jeremy and Malcolm are all very good friends of Owen Glenn; Lynda Davidson; Owen G. Glenn (Chairman, GFF); Julie Smith (PA to Owen Glenn); Katie O'Neill (Owen Glenn's God-daughter); and James Keir (Director GFF Hong Kong).