

## AMGUEDDFA CEREDIGION MUSEUM - CHILDREN'S COTTAGE QUIZ - ANSWERS

### **How many rooms are there?**

One downstairs and an attic upstairs where the older children slept.

### **How many beds are there?**

Three – the wainscot or box bed, the truckle bed under it and a cot for a baby

### **What fuel did they use on the fire?**

Peat – dug up in wet places and allowed to dry. It was free and burnt well. It is now used to improve garden soil.

Coal was too expensive and peat was easier to collect than wood.

### **How would you light the fire?**

It was best to keep the fire burning all day and night, every day of the year.

Flint and a steel (a rough piece of metal) made a spark to light tinder (all kept in a tinder box) but this was difficult. Matches were expensive

### **They kept their candles in a metal box. Why?**

Candles were made of animal fat (tallow) and were eaten by rats and mice who couldn't gnaw through metal

### **Where is the oven?**

There isn't one. Bread and pies were baked on a metal tray and covered with a metal pot.

### **Where is the bath?**

They used a metal bath tub which was brought in on bath days

### **How did they preserve food to stop it going rotten?**

They put **salt** on meat (mostly from a pig) and mixed **salt** with butter

They **processed** milk into cheese (which lasts much longer than milk)

They **dried** herbs and fungi (mushrooms)

They **pickled** onions and other vegetables in vinegar

They preserved fruit with **sugar** (jams)

There were no fridges or freezers, although some rich people collected ice in winter-time and stored it in large holes in the ground where it would last until summer time. It was used to keep fresh food cool and to make ice cream.

### **Can you think of things that you have in your home that are not in this cottage?**

Electricity, gas, running water

Refrigerator, freezer

Means of entertainment – television, music centre, radio,

Central heating, comfortable chairs, carpets, double glazing