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The blue plaque to Captain Evans is unveiled. ALL PICTURES: Johnny Morris



Local school children, pictured with Rev Geoffrey Eynon who organised the event



The event was attended by Fishguard Sea Cadets. ALL PICTURES: Johnny Morris



Capt. Evans' descendants Peter Wray, Linda Brickell and Wendy Koning.

Blue plaque to celebrate chess champion, inventor and sailor

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A DAY to celebrate a famous son of Wolfscastle was recently enjoyed by villagers and visitors.

Captain William Davies Evans, chess expert, inventor and sailor, was born at Musland Farm, just outside the village, on January 27,

1790.

In 1804 he joined the Royal Navy where he rose to the rank of captain. He invented the internationally recognised system of tri coloured lights for shipping in order to make sailing at night less dangerous.

While aboard ships he passed the time by playing chess and invented the move now known as the Evans Gambit. The move is now used and recognised by

chess players the world over.

A blue plaque was unveiled on the village green next to the school commemorating Wolfscastle as Capt Evans' birthplace.

The stone was brought by Paul Evans of Musland Farm. The ceremony was attended by members of Fishguard Sea Cadets; Chris Martin, chairman of Milford Haven Port Authority and members of the Welsh Chess Association.

The plaque was unveiled by descendants of the Captain who had travelled from Falmouth, Bristol and Folkestone for the prestigious event. Children from Ysgol Casblaidd entertained the audience.

After the ceremony an interesting presentation on Capt Evans' life and marine career was given by Reverend Richard Davies and the history of the Evans Gambit was given by How-

ard Williams of the Welsh Chess Association.

Members of Captain Evans' family said:

"We felt quite overwhelmed by the support from the community for the recognition and the event."

"It was great to have Captain Evans recognised in his home village and we can't thank everyone enough for their efforts to make the day a success."

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