

# Interest across the world for remedy

Oil passed down from famous 'bonesetter' said to help muscle pain and broken bones

**A**N ancient hand made remedy to heal chronic muscle pain and fractured bones, founded by a nineteenth century Gwynedd bonesetter is in demand across the world.

Olew Gwynnau, a medicine that is rubbed into the skin and said to help with the healing process of fractured bones or severe muscle pain is currently being sold to customers in Australia, New Zealand, and the UK.

The closely guarded recipe founded by Richard Evans, an unqualified medic from Pwllheli who could set fractured or broken bones back into place with his hand has been passed down the family for almost 150 years.

Now in the hands of his great nephew, Kelvin Evans from Bryncir, Porthmadog, the tradition to hand make the recipe continues today and is sold in chemists, shops and museums across North Wales.

Mr Evans said: "I make the oil at home. I mix all the ingredients together in a clay pot, bottle it up and sell it.

"I feel honoured to be a part of this historic family business and it's really interesting to find out about my ancestors.

"I want to improve the recipe as time goes on to turn it into something even better for people.

He added how the healing cream, known to local users as magic oil is not only used by humans but is used on animals too.

He said: "It's in high demand not only for humans, but for animals too. Farmers often use it if their animals have injured a leg or if they are in pain."

A regular user of Olew Gwynnau is Margaret Burness, 71 from Southport whose husband spotted the product when visiting Caernarfon three years ago.

She said: "It's been brilliant for me as I suffer with regular joint pain in my knee and my back. It helps me every day.

"I've tried other medicines in the

past but nothing ever seemed to work, but this has been brilliant.

"I had a bad foot not long ago so I rubbed some of the oil onto the painful part and the next day it was fine.

"I would definitely recommend it, whatever goes into it is brilliant, I'm very pleased my husband picked it up that day."

Coming from a family of historic bone setters, a distant grandfather of Kelvin Williams includes Hugh Owen Thomas, inventor of the Thomas Splint, a device mimicking bone stability to reduce pain to fractured or broken bones.

The invention of the device saved hundreds of people from amputation, saving many lives in the nineteenth century.

● Anyone interested in Olew Gwynnau can visit the site [muscleoil.co.uk/](http://muscleoil.co.uk/) for more information or contact Kelvin Evans on [enquiries@muscleoil.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@muscleoil.co.uk) or call 07770302865.

