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Craig & Penllyn Residents' Association



Village Newsletter

Winter 2016



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Carols on the Tractor Christmas Lights Competition Penllyn Church Carol Service St David's Day Celebration

20th December Week before Xmas 24th December 4th March



Editor's Note I am pleased that I have managed to put together, admittedly short, Newsletter so that I can include the Christmas Greetings. I hope you all have an enjoyable holiday season. I lease think about how you can contribute to the Newsletter and let me have articles, comments, congratulations etc. for the next issue of the

March 4th 2017

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Newsletter by

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I would like to thank our sponsors:

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Community Council Website: http://www.penllyncc.org.uk

Chairman's Message

Merry Christmas everybody.

I hope this newsletter finds you in festive spirits and all your preparations are going well.

I also hope you had chance to join in the various festive Village activities.

The Village committee would like your views on what projects should be taken on in the Village.

We are applying for grants and would appreciate your suggestions. Please e-mail me.

I wish you a peaceful Christmas and a good start into the New Year. Lars Tiessen Chairman of the Penllyn & Craig Penllyn Village Committee Larstiessen@talktalk.net

Rural Communities Development Fund

The Residents' Association committee has decided to apply for a grant from the above Fund. The grant is an 80% contribution to the cost of any proposed scheme. The remainder will have to be found by the applicant.

Whereas the committee has three proposals, they would welcome and consider any other suggestions of suitable schemes from other residents.

- The three schemes we have at the moment are in priority order:
- 1. Update and extend the playground equipment at the Winch Field.
- 2. Provide 4 shelters at the Winch Field (these will be bus stop type shelters with a seating facility. At least one of these will be located in the playground.)
- 3. Improve the entrance to the field at the tennis courts and the parking there. We are asking for your involvement in processing this application by

responding to the Committee with your comments or suggestions for other schemes. It is a requirement of the grant procedures that residents are consulted before application is made.

All comments will be recorded. A non-response will be deemed, and noted, as an acceptance that the Committee should go ahead.

Unfortunately any application will go into the process competing against other organisations, without any guarantee that it will be successful. We certainly will not get all the three schemes granted but it is hoped one will be accepted.

Would anyone wishing to be involved in this or other village activities please make yourself known to any of the below as well.

Our "Expression of Interest" must be with the Vale Council by the 31st of January, hence a quick response would be appreciated.

You can respond to any committee member by e-mail if you wish or contact one of the names below.

Lars Thiessen, larstiessen@talktalk.net

Anwen John, anwen.john@yahoo.com

Barbara Smith, barbaralsmith52@hotmail.com

or Eiryn Petty.egpetty@sky.com or 01446 773907

<u>Penllyn Village Hall</u>

Since the last issue of the Newsletter the outside of the Hal has been painted. With the increased usage of the Hall it is important that it looks tidy! I would like to thank the group who booked the Hall for lace making for donating a new microwave oven after the existed on expired.

Unfortunately there have been no Yoga or baby massage classes this autumn.

However the Hall has been used for photography, lace making and willow weaving classes run by village residents or their friends as well as the usual groups

There are regular bookings for 3 or 4 evenings during the week, but we can fit in an early party and weekends are usually available.

For a donation residents can borrow equipment, tables and chairs, crockery and cutlery etc. from the Hall.

Marquee

Residents can borrow the Marquee (but not the six strong men required to put it up!) It must be collected from the Penllyn Estate barn and is only available for use in the village.

Please contact Val on 775794 or val.t.caple@care4free.net for bookings Email: fitblitz1@gmail.com. Telephone 07851754682

Penllyn & District WI

Since the last issue of the Newsletter we have had 2 interesting

demonstrations, in November we were shown some simple flower arrangement for Christmas and in December we were all encouraged to make a quilted Christmas Tree decoration.

Our regular craft evenings have seen us working at producing articles to sell at our Christmas Fayre (of which more in the next issue). We have printed silk scarves, made gift boxes and designed floral table centres.

In November we welcomed some ladies who joined us on our 'try out' evening and we hope to welcome new members next year.

Four members took part in the Glamorgan Federation WI Quiz held at High Tide, Bridgend. All I can say is we did better than last year!

Our trip to Llancaiach Fawr included a guided tour of the house by 4 servants, dressed in Tudor clothes, who told us what life was like in the household of Edward Prichard. The gentleman supported changed sides from the Cavaliers to the Roundheads during the Civil War after a visit from the unimpressive King Charles. This was followed by lunch and a browse around the stalls in the Christmas Fair being held in the grounds.

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For further information contact Novello 01656 674191, or Rhiannon 775520.

Penllyn Table Tennis Club

If you need some exercise to prepare for the Christmas feasting join us in Penllyn Village Hall on a Monday nights at 8.00 pm. All levels welcome from absolute beginners to expert. Bats provided

If you are interested in joining contact Awen or Alun Evans (772291)

Whist Drive and Raffle

The Whist Drive and raffle is held in the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30 pm. All the funds raised go to Penllyn Church and other charities. Every one is welcome

Jenny Stephenson on 771065 or Jstephensonhj@hotmail.com

<u> Pilates</u>

Penllyn Village Hall on Mondays at 9.20 am. £5 per session. If you are interested in joining please contact Caroline —*Email: fitblitz1@gmail.com. Telephone 07851754682*

Cowbridge University of the Third Age (U3A)

The U3A meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Cowbridge Town Hall at 2.00pm. Forthcoming talks include, A Day on a Grouse Moor, the Construction of the Hoover Dam and a variety of other speakers throughout 2017.

There are over 26 separate groups within Cowbridge U3A and whether you are interested in Art, Craft Makers, Mah-jong or if you feel you need a bit of exercise there is always Table Tennis in Penllyn Village Hall, Bowls and various walks from the Strollers to the long walks in and around the Vale all these can be viewed on the website www.u3asites.org.uk/Cowbridge. Pat Smíth

Neighborough Watch

It was with great sadness that we heard that PCSO Hilary O'Callaghan had passed away recently. She was a lovely lady who was interested in hearing of any concerns from village residents and willing to find a solution herself, or pass the information on to the relevent party. All those who met her regularly at her coffee and chat sessions will really miss her

Our thoughts are with her family and friends who supported her during her short illness. For more information see www.ourbobby.com or www.south-wales.police.uk or www.neighbourhoodwatch.net or www.safervale.co.uk



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Village Hay Rake

This year's hay rake took place on Sunday 9th October at the Parish Field in Craig Penllyn.

There was good turn out with some familiar faces and some new ones too, everyone making the most of the autumn sunshine.

The annual event is an important date in the field's calendar, helping to encourage the growth of rare plant communities, and enabling the field to maintain its SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) status.

Further work and developments for the field are planned for the winter time; watch this space for further updates and news of how to get involved. *Dave Hugues kezdave@gmail.com*



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2016 Christmas Menu

1st to 23rd December Reservations Only

Christmas Eve Food served 12-8p.m.

Closed at 10.30p.m. Please ask for menu

Annual Christmas Day Red Fox Gathering 11a.m. to 1p.m.

New Years Eve

Normal Menu With Exciting Specials Book Your Table

Dinner served from 6p.m. to 9p.m. Singing at Midnight!

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St John's Church, Penllyn.

As another year draws to a close, we are mindful of those less fortunate than As another year draws to a close, we are mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves, and especially those we know who need our help. We continue to collect for both Llamau and Pontyclun Foodbank, and Christmas goods will be brilliant for both. Collection point near Font in church.

It is a great comfort at times like this that we know within our wonderful community that Craig and Penllyn are and that there is always someone here to help. If anyone is lonely, or troubled, please don't hesitate to contact one of us either here or in the parish office for support. We are looking at running a regular monthly coffee morning in the community room to keep in touch with all if you and checking if anyone needs our support at all. Let us know what you think.

Our Christmas services get planned early and appear to be 6.30 pm Christmas Eve Crib and Carol service led this year by our new Curate Suzanne, and 9 am Christmas day. I will confirm these via village email nearer to the time. As usual Richard and George shall have mulled wine and mince pies in the Red Fox after the Carol service as we start our Christmas celebrations in earnest.

Our Community room continues to be used by groups, committees, Sunday school and is there for you. The booking diary is near the safe in the community room. How to use the heating? Just ask us. We now have heating separately in the room as well as church.

Anyone is welcome to our church, and if you are unsure please ring us. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday are at 9.15, with 2nd and 4th at 11am. Sunset school and refreshments on 1st Sunday.

Your wardens Pam Harris. Tel 772027. daiandpam@gmail. com Rhiannon Cory, rcjcory@gmail.com

☆ ☆ Christmas Eve Carol Service 6.30pm, ☆ ☆ $\stackrel{\diamond}{\leftrightarrow} \stackrel{\diamond}{\leftrightarrow} \stackrel{\diamond}{\leftrightarrow} \stackrel{\diamond}{\leftrightarrow}$ st This will be followed by Mulled wine and Mince pies in the Red Fox, courtesy of Richard & Georgina. $\frac{1}{2}$ ☆ Christmas Day Service at 9.00am. \mathbf{x} ☆ ☆ \checkmark **ALL WELCOME** ☆ ☆

Llanfrynach Church

Key available at Cross Inn

Penllyn Tennis Club News

See notice boards on the courts for further information on

- membership charges
- Coaching dates, or contact Janet Booth at 773594 or janlesboo@yaho.co.uk To join, or rejoin, contact Peter Cole on 01446 774061

<u>Welcome</u>

A warm welcome to all new residents in the village If you would like to be added to my email distribution list please contacet val.t.caple@care4free.net <u>Penllyn, A Celebration of the History of a Vale of Glamorgan Community</u>

The book, which was written and published by the Craig and Penllyn, is given free to all new residents. It is also for sale if you would like an extra copy. *Please contact Lars Tiessen larstiessen@talktalk.net*

Walking with the Weatherman

Derek Brockway organised an 8 miles walk to raise money for Velindre Hospital. Dave and I decided to participate in this event and raised in excess of £500

Many thanks to everyone who supported us. *Talina Llewellyn*



Llangan Primary School news

TARMAC PARTNERSHIP

We are thrilled to have an ongoing partnership with Tarmac Cement Company in Aberthaw; they are helping us further develop the area of garden around the polytunnel. They kindly donated £100 to our gardening club for the children to spend on seeds, tools etc. Mrs Sue Stevens, our outdoor learning co-ordinator has been working alongside Kara Bennett Aberthaw Cement Environmental Co-coordinator. Kara Bennett, said:

"As a plant, we are always keen to explore ways in which we can work together with local schools and organisations to provide benefit for the long term. When we met with Llangan Primary it was clear that we could do much more than provide help for a one-off project.

We are delighted that we will be able to work with the school on various projects that will benefit the school and its many pupils for years to come."

COWBRIDGE ROTARY CLUB

We would like to thank Andrew Lane from Cowbridge Rotary Club for bringing in a bag of purple crocuses and leading assembly on eradicating polio. Gardening Club are busy planting them in preparation for spring. They will remind us of all the children in the world who are not as fortunate as we are.

FRIENDS OF LLANGAN

The friends of Llangan (formally known as Dad's club) have been working tirelessly over two weekends in November to erect new fencing and gates in the Llangan School carpark. We are extremely grateful to our parents who give up their time to help with the 'extras' that enhance our school grounds. We would also like to thank the Homfray family for the kind donation to cover the cost of materials. The Llangan School Team would like to wish all members of the Penllyn & Graig Penllyn community a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful 2017.

Mrs M. Menzies, School Administrator LlanganPS@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

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Carols on the Tractor

This year's Red Fox Singers 'Carols on the Tractor' tour is planned for the evening of Tuesday 20th December. As well as taking in the villages of Penllyn and Craig Penllyn, two new venues have been added—Fferm Goch and the new development at St. Canna's Green. This year's charity collection is in aid of Kidney Wales Foundation. Previous events have raised in excess of £500 annually for local charities, thanks to the generosity of residents and clients of the Red Fox. *Rob Evans*

Children's Christmas Party

The kids have thoroughly enjoyed this year's MAGIC CHRISTMAS PARTY. Magic Stu had some fantastic tricks up his sleeve and kept everyone entertained.

The children were thrilled about a visit from Santa and the grown-ups enjoyed the raffle.

Many thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to the FUNDRAISING for NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT for the village play park.

A particular big thank you to Anwen John who organised the Christmas fun and to Charlotte and Paul of Cross Farm Nursery for donating the tree.

If you would like to help fundraising or have any ideas for the play park upgrade, please get in touch with Anwen (anwen.john@yahoo.com) or anyone from the village committee. Your help would be greatly appreciated.





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