



Gelligaer Community Council Newsletter

Newyddion Bro Cyngor Cymundeb Gelligaer

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My name is Robert Thomas (Rob) and I represent the Cefn Hengoed Ward.

This year I was elected by the Members of the Gelligaer Community Council to serve as Chairman, and I feel really proud and privileged to take up the position.

As the Chairman of the Community Council, I have the pleasure of writing this introduction to the first Newsletter of the Council.

The council has been in existence for many decades and as a Community Council, it has continuously served our communities at grass roots level.

Over the years, we have supported local people who are the backbone of communities that provide local social and charitable organisations. These are the organisations that help our communities to thrive and they encourage people to take pride in where they live.

I enjoyed my recent visit to the Cascade Carnival where I was invited to judge the Floats and the Bonnie Baby competition and what I witnessed first hand, was the hard work of Judith Voile and her carnival committee. There are also many other groups and clubs out there with the same commitment and passion, thus improving and enhancing the community. The aim of the council is to continue to do this as an open, honest and transparent local government organisation. This is our commitment to you, our constituents.

The newsletter is for the community to see what can be achieved when we all pull together in the same direction. It is not just what the Community Council does, it's about what the community does and that's why we ask for your articles and news contributions for future publications.

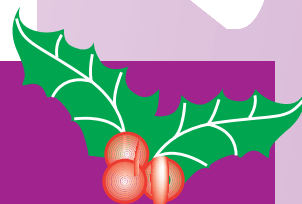


This newsletter will provide you with details of

- Your Community Councillors
- What's On?
- How to apply for Financial Assistance for your Club/Organisation
- Photographs of some of the clubs that we support in your area
- Projects
- School Competition

I hope that you enjoy reading this first newsletter and that you will look forward to reading subsequent issues.

My Best Wishes and a Merry Christmas Rob Thomas
Gelligaer Community Council Chairman



If you have any issues that you would like to discuss, why not pop along to one of the surgeries or give your Community Councillor or the Clerk a call. We are here to help.

YOUR COUNCILLORS ARE:

Cascade Ward



Cllr Wynne David
Hafren, 9 Tai'r Heol, Penpedairheol
Tel: 01443 832278
Surgery every Tuesday 10.30 – 12.00 at the
Gelligaer & Pen y Bryn Partnership Office

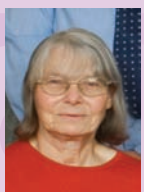


Cllr Chris Morgan
9 Glas Fryn, Bryn Siriol,
Penpedairheol, Hengoed
Tel: 01443 863161

Cefn Hengoed Ward



Cllr Dennis Bolter
135 Gelligaer Road,
Cefn Hengoed, Hengoed
Tel: 01443 814502



Cllr Judith Pritchard, Vice-Chairman
14 Barry Close, Forest Park, Penpedairheol
Tel: 01443 832785/07968 051824



Cllr Teresa Parry
1 Kingswood Road, Hengoed
Tel: 01443 814826

Greenhill Ward



Cllr Roger Bevan
19 Church Road, Gelligaer, Hengoed
Tel: 01443 833952

Surgery every Friday 10.00am – 12.00 noon
at the Gelligaer & Pen y Bryn Partnership Office

Greenhill Ward



Cllr Tommy Matthews
1 St Cattwgs Avenue, Gelligaer, Hengoed
Tel: 01443 820146



Cllr Bill Griffiths
1 Claerwen, Gelligaer, Hengoed.
Tel: 01443 822252
Hengoed Ward

Tir-y-Berth Ward



Cllr Barry Shannon
Tree Tops, Woodfield Terrace, Tir-y-Berth
Tel: 01443 839131

Ystrad Mynach Ward



Cllr Alan Angel
27 Heol Brynteg, Ystrad Mynach
Tel: 01443 862816



Cllr Martyn James
2 Hill Street, Ystrad Mynach
Tel: 01443 81369



Cllr Gethin Roberts
Flat above Planet Kitchens,
Caerffili Road, Ystrad Mynach
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Financial Assistance

The Community Council helps local voluntary groups by giving them Financial Assistance to carry out the various activities they organise for the benefit of residents of our area.



One such organisation is the Cefn Hengoed After School Club, which meets in the Youth Centre, Hengoed Road, Hengoed every weekday evening in term-time.

“We are very grateful for the generous grant we have received this year from the Community Council”, says Secretary Rachel Williams.

“Many parents, especially mothers, need our club to look after their children **while** they are at work or college, and it is always a struggle to keep fees affordable while maintaining the quality standards our children deserve. It is also encouraging to know that the community council appreciates our efforts”

Does your organisation need our support?

You may be eligible for Financial Assistance.

Please contact the Clerk for further details and an Application Form

Other organisations that we assist are listed in the “What’s On?” section.

It includes the Cylch Meithrin held at the Cascade Community Centre, Penpedairheol. As well as learning social skills through play and interacting with their peers, these lucky children are also learning Welsh. The early years are the best years to learn another language quite effortlessly and they’re having bags of fun whilst doing so. Da iawn Cylch Meithrin.



Projects

From Wasteland to Woodland

Pen y Bryn Woodland Project

On the 1st October 2008 Vice Chair and Community Councillor Judith Pritchard officially opened the Pen y Bryn Woodland.

The project was funded by the Cydcoed Forestry commission and administered by the Clerk of the Community Council, initially Mrs Anne Davies followed by Mrs Ceri Mortimer.



A big thank you should go to Caerphilly County Borough Councils Principal Architect Mr Neil Daniels, Grounds Maintenance Personnel, Mr Daniel Cole, Mr Richard Murphy and his Communities First Team, The Gelligaer & Pen y Bryn Partnership Mr Roger Bevan and Mrs Jan Moore, the Gavo Team, Cllr Wynne David and the late Cllr Keith Derrick.

The area has been transformed and is being enjoyed by the local residents and children.

Materials and labour used in this project were locally sourced.

Wheelchair users can access the woodland by using their key. If you do not have one then you can loan one from the Gelligaer & Pen y Bryn Partnership Office or the Community Council.



School Competition

Ask your child about this.....

The Community Council have set the Schools listed below, a challenge.

In December, we will present to each School £1,000 to spend on an environmental project of their choosing. They are to start the project in January 2009 and it will be judged by our Councillors in July 2009. The most innovative and successful project will receive a shield from the Community Council. We are looking to do the same over the next few years and hope it will generate healthy competition between the schools and create in the children an environmental interest and awareness in a fun and meaningful way.

Some Schools have already set up "Eco Committees", and have been around the classrooms asking the children for ideas. The Primary Schools involved are: Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Allta, Derwendeg, Glyngaer, Greenhill, Hengoed, Tir y Berth, Trinity Fields and Ystrad Mynach.

Good Luck Children!!



Festive Lighting

In December you will notice that your village is looking a little more festive this year. That's because the Community Council have purchased extra festive lighting to bring a little cheer leading up to Christmas.

Other Projects that we are funding are:

- Claerwen Kick Wall
- Rebound Fencing at Glan y Nant Welfare Kick Wall
- Notice Board at Cwm Calon
- Fencing between Rhos Ave & Pengam Street
- Fencing at William Street
- Goal posts at Griffiths Street
- Convalescence holidays at The Rest , Porthcawl

If you have any ideas for further projects please either contact your Councillor or the Clerk on 01443 821322

BIG HIT!

for Ystrad Mynach's 1st Community Fun Day

Thanks to funding received from Gelligaer Community Council, Caerphilly County Borough Council and event sponsorship, Ystrad Mynach were able to hold their first Community Fun Day on Saturday 19th July.



Despite an awful summer the sun shined down on the event, which attracted over 200 families from the small village. With attractions such as local craft traders, face painting, mask making, kite making, bouncy castle, golf demonstrations, penalty shoot outs, Ystrad Mynach Male Voice Choir, talent show, dog show and demonstrations by the Welsh Bockers (pictured above) it appealed to people of all ages.

Councillor Alan Angel, who was one of the team of voluntary organisers commented, "This event was such a success for all who were involved, from the volunteers and the

residents, to the traders and the sponsors and has reinvigorated a sense of community atmosphere and spirit within Ystrad Mynach – I am sure we will continue to make this an annual event that will get bigger and better each year."



Pictured above: Carnival Queen, Flower Girls and Page Boys who officially opened the event

For more information on how to get involved contact: Natalie on 01443 816998

What & When	Where	Time	Events	Contact
Monday				
Ystrad Mynach OAP	Scout Hall Central Street Ystrad Mynach	2.00 - 4.00pm	McArthur Glen Christmas Dinner at The Rest Porthcawl	Marion 01443 814784
Ystrad Mynach Ladies Bowling Club	Ystrad Mynach Bowling Green	1.30 - 7.30pm		Barbara 01495 224637
2353 Squadron Air Training Corps	Rear of Central Street Ystrad Mynach	7.00 - 9.30pm	Hill walking, Caving, Flying, Gliding D of E Expeds.	Darran 07973 793528
Ystrad Mynach Male Choir	Bryn Seion Chapel Lisburn Road, Ystrad Mynach	7.15 - 9.15pm	Annual Concert 4th October at Lewis Girls School	Clive 01443 813303
Cyfeillion/Friends of Bro Allta (various evenings please phone)	Various	Various	Ladies Pampering evening (TBC), Winter Festival Nov 15th	Kerry Langden 01443 814550 / 07866 071289
Canolfan Gristnogol Gymundeb Siloh Christian Community Centre Mon - Friday	Siloh Centre, Oakfield Street Ystrad Mynach	Various (please phone)	Music Club Concert-Nov.8th PACT meeting - Nov.11th	Nerys Probert 01443 813617
Hengoed Branch OAP's	Hengoed Community Centre	3.30 - 4.45pm	Various Activities	Nesta Rowlands 01443 813617
Cylch Meithrin Penpedairheol Welsh medium education for 2-3 year olds	Cascade Community Centre	9.30 - 12.30pm		Wendy Parker 01443 815965
Nelson & District Choral Society	Llancaeath Junior School	7.30pm	Christmas Concert for Christian Aid	Mrs E Mallon 01443 834715 Mrs M Seabourne 029 20882200
Ystrad Mynach Arthritis Care	Cefn Hengoed Community Centre	7.00 - 9.00pm	Christmas Dinner Trips 01443 814644	Mrs M Jones
Greenhill Primary PTA (please phone)	Greenhill Primary School	Various	Ladies Night -Nov Bus Trip - Dec	Ms L Meyrick 01443 875521
Over 55 Club	Tir y Berth Community Centre	1.00- 3.00pm	Light Keep Fit, Bingo, Choir, Christmas Party	Mrs O Collins 01443 833401
Cefn Hengoed After School Club Mon – Fri Term Time only	The Youth Centre Hengoed Road. Hengoed	3.15 – 6.00pm		Judith Pritchard 01443 832785
Tuesday				
Ystrad Mynach Ladies Bowling Club	Ystrad Mynach Bowling Green	1.30 - 7.30pm		Barbara 01495 224637
Gelligaer Ladies Bowling	The Bowling Club Gelligaer	1.30 pm	Social Events at the Club House	Rosemarie Jones 01443 829600
Waun Rhydd OAP's Waun Rhydd	Gelligaer	2.30 pm		Mrs M Bray 01443 832803
Concorde Club Cascade Community Centre		2.00pm		Mrs M Bray 01443 832803
Cefn Hengoed Ladies Friendship Club	Cefn Hengoed Community Centre	7.00 – 9.00pm		01443 813162
Wednesday				
Cefyn Hengoed OAP	Cefn Hengoed Community Centre	2.00 - 4.00pm	Christmas Tea, Tinsel & Turkey	Royston 0777 9324931
Cascade Scrabble Club	Cascade Methodist Church	2.00 - 4.00pm		Jean 01443 821963
Ystrad Mynach Ladies Bowling Club	Ystrad Mynach Bowling Green	13.0 - 7.30pm		Barbara 01495 224637
Coffee Morning The College Rhymney Computer Class Craft and Card Making	Mount Zion Church Dan y Pentre Lane, Gelligaer	10.30 - 12.00 1.00 - 3.00pm 6.30 - 8.30pm (fortnightly)		Mrs Rees 01443 816855
Cylch To a Fi Children 0-3 years	Cascade Methodist Church	9.30 - 11.30am		Claire Greenway 0792 9078498
Cefn Hengoed After School Club	The Youth Centre Hengoed Road, Hengoed	3.15 - 6.00pm		Judith Pritchard 01443 832785
Thursday				
Croseo Club	Cefn Hengoed	9.30 - 12.00	Pantomime 13th Dec, Lyndsey Club	Gillian 01443 862607
	Youth Club			
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2353 Squadron Air Training Corps	Rear of Central Street Ystrad Mynach	7.00 - 9.30pm	Hill Walking, Caving, Flying, Gliding & D of E Expeds.	Darran 07973 793528
New Start 4 Life	Heol Ddu Youth Club	10.00am - 12.00		Mary 01443 832525
Friday				
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Saturday				
Ystrad Mynach Ladies Bowling Club	Ystrad Mynach Bowling Green	1.30 - 7.30pm		Barbara 01495 224637
Sunday				
Bryn Seion Baptist Chapel	Bryn Seion Baptist Chapel Lisburn Road	10.15am 11.30 & 1.00pm	Worship Welsh Language Sunday School	Eirlys 01443 812820
Ystrad Mynach Ladies Bowling Club	Ystrad Mynach Bowling Green	1.30 - 7.30pm		Barbara 01495 224637

A Note For your Diary: December 2008

The Gelligaer & Pen y Bryn Partnership is holding:

6th 10.00 am – 2.00 pm Christmas Decorations Workshop at the Pen y Bryn Village Hall

13th 10.00 am – 2.00 pm Christmas Decorations Workshop at the Gelligaer Community Centre

15th 6.00 pm Pantomime at the Church Hall Gelligaer

20th 4.30 pm Lantern Parade starts at Gelligaer Square