

YSTRAD MYNACH CHRISTMAS MARKET/FAYRE CONT'D.

There are many people to thank for helping to create one of the very best Christmas markets. They are: Dave at Emlyn Lloyd for donating the Christmas tree, from his own garden!! He says he has a few more to come down, so he may see us alright for the next few years!! Thank you too to Jill Jenkins and Friends of Lewis Girls for selling refreshments in Siloh Church. Also thank you to Graham Munkley and his elves Sophie Thomas & Catrin James and Tesco for providing Santa with 300 selection boxes to give to the children. In fact, Santa ran out, and we had to purchase more not to disappoint!!

Our retailers for their generosity in donating raffle prizes: Bluebells, CR Flowers, Good Hair Studio, Gelligaer Community Council, Veg of Evans, Andrew Berry Jewellery (whose gift voucher was raffled in our Pantomime at Lewis Girls on Sunday 20th December 2015) and New Foundation.

Students of Lewis Girls and Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni who volunteered their time stewarding the event, as a part of their Welsh Baccalaureate. Also thank you to Stacy Francis, CCBC Events Officer, who was responsible for coordinating the event in the main, and her stewards Colin Geake, Matthew Gurmin & Rubeca Clinch.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTING – GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Due to cut backs in Caerphilly County Borough Council, Gelligaer Community Council have stepped in and taken over the Christmas lighting. The Community Council is now responsible for coordinating, installation and funding the Christmas lighting in Cascade, Gelligaer, Cefn Hengoed, Hengoed, Penbryn, Glanynant, Tiryberth and Ystrad Mynach.

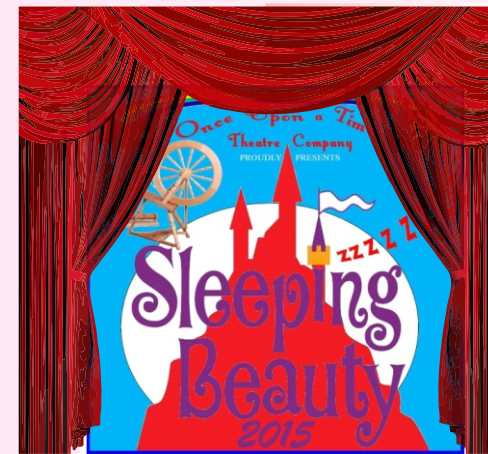
SANTA'S SLEIGH

CASCAID ACTION GROUP helped Santa find his way around Cascade, Gelligaer, Penybryn, Tiryberth and Cefn Hengoed on Saturday 19th December, as they do every year, which needless to say was enjoyed by all. Another event sponsored by Gelligaer Community Council.



CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

The Christmas panto, Sleeping Beauty, was another success and due to popular demand, the Community Council are funding an extra two shows this year, in Cascade Community Centre and a further show in the Lindsay Club. If you haven't seen Once Upon a Time Theatre Company perform as yet, try not to miss out on this year's Little Red Riding Hood. Details, posters and tickets will be released in October/November. We raised £622.54 for TY HAFAN through ticket sales and raffles. Thank you to the volunteers that help to make this event possible.



EISTEDDFOD YR URDD AT LLANCAIACH FAWR



We saw Eisteddfod yr Urdd at Llancaiach Fawr in May, which was a wonderful event to be hosted on our door step, attracting many visitors to our area and showcasing some of the very best talent in the 1,400 seater pavilion. There were 200 colourful stalls and activities on the Maes including a fun fair, live bands and shows for children. And the shuttle bus services to and from the event ran like clockwork. Due to the Community Council financially assisting our local schools in raising funds to stage the Eisteddfod, our chairman Cllr Teresa Parry along with Cllr Hefin David and Cllr Wynne David were presented with a framed certificate as a token of their gratitude for our support.

The Community Council also had 200 Roman Fort Guidebooks printed in Welsh in readiness for the event.

Meg Simpson, a year 1 pupil at the time, at Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Penalltau, produced a winning piece!! Gwaith ardderchog a ddiddorol iawn Meg!! Llongyfarchiadau!!!

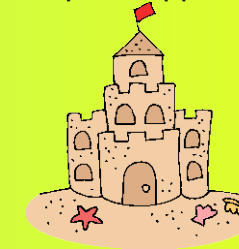


OTHER PROJECTS

Other projects that we are looking to fund is a much needed bus shelter in Cefn Hengoed near Derwendeg Primary school £5k, the installation of green loop fencing in Cascade approx. £9k, and Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre showers £2K. Projects that we have completed in 2015/16 are: external doors and signage to Cascade Methodist Church £2k, Ystrad Mynach Primary School Centenary Mosaic £2k, Hanging baskets at Ystrad Mynach £2.5K, Pantomimes £4k, Notice board o/s Magnum Stores £1.6k, Christmas lighting £4.5k, Siloh Church Garden £545, TV monitors for advertising health messages at Gelligaer and Oakfield Surgery, Ystrad Mynach £500; Ystrad Mynach Fayre/Market £1.5k, Building refurb/ extensions to Bryn Seion Baptist £2.5k and Lewis Street Methodist Church £2.5k and improve disabled access at Bethel Evangelical Church £2.5k.

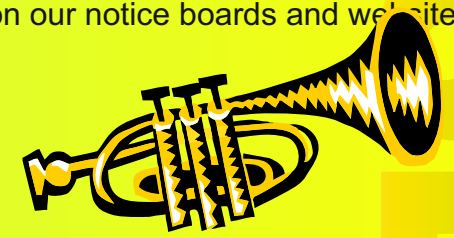
FAMILY DAY TRIPS TO PORTHCAWL

Our Family Day Trips are proving to be very successful and a project the Community Council are looking to fund again this year. Last August we organised coaches to leave Gelligaer Community Centre, Hengoed Community Centre, Tiryberth and the Lindsay Club. Posters and contact details of our next trip will appear closer to the time, on our notice boards and website.



BANDS IN THE PARK

Last year we enjoyed brass bands playing at Ystrad Mynach Park and Tiryberth. Numbers were disappointingly low at both events. So this year we are looking to have a "Bands in the Town" at Ystrad Mynach. Chairs will be set up on Siloh Square whereby visitors and shoppers will be able to enjoy the sounds of the brass band on a Saturday lunchtime. Again, posters advertising the event will appear closer to the date on our notice boards and website.



BASKETS IN OUR TOWN – YSTRAD MYNACH

Ystrad Mynach is transformed from May until September when we erect the beautiful hanging baskets and rail planters around the town. Again this is one of the Community Council's projects. This will be our 3rd year, and due to so many positive comments from local people and retailers we are happy to continue to bring life, colour and vibrancy to the streets.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD OUTSIDE MAGNUM STORES, CEFN HENGOED

The Community Council replaced the old notice board outside Magnum Stores, due to its sorry state. We regularly advertise our community council business on the board alongside other items and posters of interest from clubs and other organisations. We have also taken over the noticeboard on Siloh Square, now that the Partnership has disbanded.

VACANCY: Minor Authority Representative on the Board of Governors at Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Penalltau

What qualifications do governors need?

No particular qualifications or experience are needed. The most important qualities for any governor are to be interested in the welfare of the children and the school and to be prepared to give their time and effort when required.

If you are interested please contact the clerk on 01443 822863 or email her at mortic1@caerphilly.gov.uk

VACANCY: Cascade Community Centre Management Committee

Cascade Community Centre Management Committee are looking for new members to join their committee. There are currently five vacancies at the centre and they meet for an hour during the first week of every month, at times that change to suit all. If you feel you would like to be part of this committee please email Maldwyn at: mallows49@me.com or phone on 01443 821685





COMMEMORATE THE GREAT WAR

Last year we coordinated and funded the planting of 1850 poppies over 3 days with our primary schools. The children had an exciting time outdoors, and hopefully will remember the experience for many years to come and what it means. This project would not have happened without the help of the school caretakers who prepared the ground for the children to work on, so thank you, and Caerphilly County Borough Council's Parks Services, who we paid to provide us with a couple of Groundsmen. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Bill Jeff who came to the rescue with some of his fellow Tredomen "allottees" who prepared the ground at Ysgol Gynradd Penallta, in the caretaker's absence.

We also commemorated the Great War by purchasing and installing two decorative benches at Tiryberth Memorial and Ystrad Mynach Cenotaph, Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr. Our thanks to Voyle Construction who kindly installed the benches free of charge.



YOUNG CITIZENS – WELL DONE

We continue to support and present awards to our young citizens, because they are so deserving. Last year we recognised the intergenerational work of our students at Lewis Boys School. The pupils get involved on a weekly basis, helping out in the lunch club. Their main duties are to welcome guests, assisting with carrying trays, collecting finished meals and sitting and chatting during and after their lunch and providing activities. The young men were Kallum Batt, Michael Jones, Josh Morgan, Adam Roberts and Rhys Williams. We also awarded certificates and gifts to Huw Rowlands for his contribution to Sunday school classes and charity work, Poppy Miller and Rebekah Weston of Lewis Girls for raising awareness and raising funds for Disability CAN DO and for working with their school cyber mentor programme (an anti-bullying provision) which made a difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable pupils at the school.



We have provided grants to the following clubs/organisations:

Cascade & District Allotment Association, Gelligaer Allotment Association, Gelligaer ABC Boxing Club, Gelligaer Historical Society, Gelligaer Local History Appreciation Society, Ystrad Mynach Male Voice Choir, Melody Makers, Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir, Rhymney Valley Music Club, Cefn Hengoed OAP's, Hengoed Pensioners, Croeso Club, Ystrad Mynach OAP's, Arthritis Care Ystrad Mynach, Gelligaer Ladies Bowling, Gelligaer Men's Bowling, Cascade Crafters, Cascade Carvers, Cascade Luncheon Club, Cascade Scrabble, Cylch Meithrin Penpedairheol, Cefn Hengoed Majestic Jazz Band, 1st Ystrad Mynach Scout Group (Brownies, Cubs, Scouts Rainbows & Guides), Gelligaer Community Centre, Cascaid Community Action Group, Glyngaer PTA, Derwendeg PTA, Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Club, Bryn Seion Chapel, Holy Trinity Church, Siloh Christian Centre, Lewis Street Methodist, Cardiac Fitness Solutions, Pengam Pigeon FC, Disability Can Do, Wales Council for Deaf People, Bobath Children Therapy Centre Wales, CHAD Caerphilly, Kidney Research Wales, Shelter Cymru, Bargoed & District Art Society & Eisteddfod y Cymoedd.

If your club is eligible for a grant please request a Financial Assistance form from one of your councillors or the clerk on 01433 822863 / email: mortic1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Your Ward Members are as follows:
Please contact them if you have any issues.

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Ward Surgeries
If you have any issues, community or county, that you wish to discuss, please pop along to one of our surgeries. Members look forward to meeting you.

Venue: Gelligaer Community Council Office, Llwyn Onn (to the back of Cascade Community Centre)
When: Every Tuesday (except school holidays)
Time: 10.30am – 12.00 noon
Councillors: Cllr Hefin David, Cllr Wynne David & Cllr Graham Hughes

Venue: Hengoed Community Centre
When: 1st Saturday of the month
Time: 10.00am – 11.00am
Councillors: Cllr Dennis Bolter, Cllr Judith Pritchard, Cllr Teresa Parry & Cllr Donna Cushing

Venue: Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre
When: 3rd Saturday of the month
Time: 10.00am – 11.00am
Councillors: Cllr Dennis Bolter, Cllr Judith Pritchard, Cllr Teresa Parry & Cllr Donna Cushing

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Welcome to the 8th edition of our Community Council Newsletter.

This newsletter is a little later going out than I had hoped for, that's because it's been a very busy year in the Community Council. But finally I have found time to sort through the photographs and put something together for you.

As you may be aware every May, at our annual council meeting we have a change in chairmanship. Last year Cllr Judith Pritchard, after an enjoyable term, handed over chairmanship to Cllr Teresa Parry, and Cllr Donna Cushing was appointed as vice chairman. Both women are very active members within our community and on our council and work tirelessly alongside their fellow community councillors for our residents and area.

Sadly Colin Parry, Cllr Teresa Parry's husband of 40 years passed away last February. But she has still had a very active year visiting some of the clubs presenting cheques and donating gifts. She has also delivered flowers and our very best wishes to couples celebrating their golden and diamond wedding anniversaries. She holds regular surgeries alongside our other ward members for Hengoed & Cefn Hengoed (surgery details on page 6).

I hope you enjoy reading all about the life and activities of your community council... and please get in touch if you have any project ideas, require a financial assistance application form or any other community matter.

Ceri Mortimer, Clerk to the Council.



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The rain had been relentless and temperatures mild leading up to Christmas. However we were very fortunate on November 21st when we had our Christmas Fayre/Market. It was a particularly cold and windy start to the day when the market traders battled to set up their stalls. However, thankfully it all calmed down by mid-morning and it remained dry and cold throughout the day and full of festive cheer and high spirits.

We had local entertainment throughout the day, street entertainers, and very well behaved donkeys. A hog roast was prepared by our local butcher, we had an array of interesting and affordable stalls and of course our shops were crammed full of lovely Christmas gifts and our welcoming cafes and eateries were full to the brim. Let us not forget Santa, who delighted children (and adults alike!!) in his grotto from dawn 'til dusk and then again by counting down to the big Christmas lights switch on.

