



# ABERHAFESP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**AUTUMN 2018 EDITION**

I hope you all enjoyed reading the first issue back in June. We have now collected news from the local groups to keep you informed of current and forthcoming events. Hopefully we will be able to continue producing issues on a quarterly basis, so I would ask that you please send me any news or interesting information by email (or through my door) no later than the 20th of the previous month. *20th December* for January 2019. *20th March* for April 2019. *20th June* for July 2019. *20th September* for October 2019.

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If you did not receive the previous issue please let me know by post or telephone. Marilyn Bedworth, Fairhaven, Aberhafesp, SY16 3HN. Tel: 01686689977. Thank you.

We are very pleased to report that we have received a donation from the local Community Council towards the cost of printing the first three issues, but we are hoping to include some advertisements in future to help with the cost. Please let me know if you are interested in having your business advertised.



**£20 per annum for 4 quarterly issues**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 5th October**

**7pm**

**Table Tennis Night for All. Free.**

**Saturday 17th November**

**10am-12noon**

**Christmas themed Coffee morning in aid of The Lingen Davies Cancer Centre, at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital**



**Saturday December 8th**

**7pm**

**Christmas "DO". Tony Rowley (local entertainer)**

**Bar and Raffle and Hog roast type food "Off The Hog" ie. in Rolls with all the trimmings. Will be a really good meal.**



**Sunday November 11th**

**9.30am**

**At St Gwynog's Church**

## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Autumn is now well and truly upon us, so we are planning activities for the winter. We have continued to decorate the entrance hall and it is just about finished, with the comments being very favourable. John Williams has made some lovely signs for the doors, which are a great improvement. We have a very handsome clock in the hall now, donated by the Davies family in memory of their mother Megan and her uncle Morris. A clock was much needed, and it really enhances the hall. Also, we have hung two pictures: a live drawing of the old school and hall, and a large watercolour which I happened to have, which is open to change, as Nigel says, "There's an awful lot of sky!" The hooks are there, for another one of similar size.

The cyclists visited the hall for a weekend in May, and were pleased with all the facilities. The coffee morning on June 23rd was quite well attended and successful - the smell of cooking bacon seems to be a great attraction.

The Barbecue on Saturday 21st July hosted jointly with the Young Farmers was a great success, and most enjoyable. We were blessed with really good weather, and had a good turnout, with lots of young people, and new faces. It was great to watch the small ones rolling down the banks - that is what banks are for! The food provided by the young farmers was really delicious, so thanks to them for that.

Bob Davies (ex headmaster of Aberhafesp school) came to the BBQ and was shown around the new kitchen and other recent improvements, he was very impressed and has made a donation of £100.

We have taken delivery of the second table tennis table, and darts equipment, and the kurling sets and badminton net are coming soon. So what about organising a one off event in the hall, or even better, a regular session throughout the winter months? We also have the snooker table and cues donated by St. Gwynog's church, so there is plenty to do.

If anyone would like a stall at the Lingen Davies coffee morning on Saturday November 17th please contact Elaine Benbow on 01686 625586.

We are restarting our Monday morning craft sessions in the centre on October 1st from 10am - 12 noon, so come and do your own thing, or even just pop in for a coffee. With best wishes for a very enjoyable autumn and winter to you all. Please use and enjoy the facilities in the hall and let us know if you have any bright ideas for functions. Chair: Maddy Thornton

## LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO GO IN THE WINTER EVENINGS?

Aberhafesp **Short Mat Bowls** Club meeting every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Community Centre from September to March. Why not come along and have a go? All ages welcome - no previous experience needed. We can provide the bowls and tuition. **£2** per evening including coffee and biscuits. Contact Wynn Benbow. Tel: 01686 625586

Now we have two **table tennis** tables, we thought we should arrange some regular social evenings to play. The first of these is planned for Friday 5th October at 7pm. Come along and ping pong for **FREE**..



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AND  
ADVERTISE WITH US

**THIS IS A SPACE THAT YOU COULD  
USE TO MARKET YOUR BUSINESS  
TO EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

## NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Aberhafesp W.I was formed in 1976. We belong to the Powys Montgomery Federation and the National Federation, one of the largest women's organisations in the world. We currently have a membership of twenty-three. Over the last six months we have had a talk from Jane Stephens of the Montgomeryshire Crisis Centre which really opened our eyes to the problems around us. In April we had an update on the Newtown bypass from Nick Cleary, Project Manager - mind boggling facts and figures. In May Sue Purcell a former designer with Laura Ashley showed us her work with textiles and fine art. Husbands and friends joined us in June for a trip to St. Fagan's Museum, Cardiff. A place which had been on the "to do" list of many of us. We rounded off the day with an excellent meal on the return journey. Something very different in July, a visit to Green Lane Burial Field at Llandyssil. We did not quite know what to expect and had many questions to put to it's owner, Eira Humphreys, but all agreed that on a beautiful, warm summer evening, what a tranquil place it was. We always enjoy going out for a meal and a chat and Corris had arranged a meal at The Waggon and Horses, Newtown.

We returned to the centre in September where a very well attended meeting heard from Mary Oldham about the Davies sisters of Gregynog, so local to us but so much to learn about them. In October we are having a talk and slides "From Coed y Dinas to Monaco", a Flower Demonstration in November and Fabulous Cake Creations in December.

Being part of a larger group enables us to take part in a variety of sports. On offer are Outdoor Bowls, Short Mat Bowls, Table Tennis, Darts, Dominoes, Croquet and Kurling (no ice and no sweeping involved!) and this year Walking Netball is being introduced. We are venturing into entertainment in October with some of our members taking part in a variety concert organised by the county W.I.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Community Centre. You will be very welcome to come along one evening to see what W.I is all about. You never know, there may be something there for YOU!

Find us on Facebook or contact Elaine Benbow. Tel: 01686 625586

## ST. GWYNOG'S CHURCH



We started holding **Fair Trade coffee mornings** about 3 years ago with homemade cakes etc, which is open to people from the Aberhafesp community and further afield.

These take place on the 1st Saturday of each month in the Church 10am - 12noon. We are delighted that we have already sent £800 to a school in Uganda (which is run by Horace and his wife Bethan who is a local girl). £500 to the Aberhafesp Defibrillator Appeal and our next donation will be sent to Rekindle a local charity which helps young people with mental illness. We recently held a strawberry tea at Warrendale for the Mother's Union Emergency Relief Fund and raised £330.

Friday 12th October at 7pm there is a coffee evening to welcome Bethan back to give us an update on the JJ Nshumi school project in Uganda. All are invited.

Operation Christmas Child **Shoebbox Appeal**: Readymade boxes are available in the Church with details of what is needed. If you are able to help please complete by early November.

On **Remembrance Sunday** November 11th, we are holding our usual service at 9.30am and we are looking to make this a really special occasion as it is the centenary of both the end of WW1 and the formation of the RAF. There will be a display of memorabilia from both the 1st and 2nd World Wars as well as a feature on the Halifax that crashed at Glascoed Farm in 1944 with the pilot skilfully avoiding a catastrophic collision with Aberhafesp school. The service will end at around 10.15am when we shall pause for coffee and an opportunity to enjoy the memorabilia then embark on a short act of remembrance at 10.50am so that we are ready for the 2 minutes silence at 11am at the War Memorial. All are welcome to join us from 9.30am although if you just wish to join us for the latter part of the commemoration you are more than welcome. If anyone has any ideas, stories they wish to share or any memorabilia that they would be willing to lend us for the display we would be most grateful. Please contact Christine Cooper on 01686 688848.

## RHYDFELIN BAPTIST CHAPEL, Aberhafesp. SY16 3LT

A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

Harvest Service: Thursday 4th October at 7.00pm  
Rev. Alison Gwalchmai.  
Harvest Service: Sunday 7th October at 2.30 pm  
Rev. Meredith Powell.

Sunday 14th October at 2.30 pm  
Rev. Andrew Wytton  
Sunday 21st October at 2.30 pm  
Rev. Meredith Powell  
Sunday 28th October at 10.30 am  
Mr John Jones, Kerry

## ABERHAFESP YOUNG FARMERS

We have had some success in sports competitions this year. Our girls joined with Llanfair to form a netball team and came 2nd in the County competition, and our boys' football team also came 2nd. Our mixed frisbee team came 1st, and then went off to the Wales competition. In the final all our hard work paid off, becoming the Wales frisbee champions. Then off to Stafford to represent Wales but we were beaten in the semi finals. After the summer break we had our AGM and due to some members going to university and others moving away new officials were appointed.

Chair - Fraser Jones (Tel: 07852 907379), Vice Chair - Jac Thomas, Secretary - Jemma Hopkins, Treasurer - Lora Gethin, Scrapbook - Eden & Ruby Grigg and Ffion Smith

### 2018 Provisional Programme of events

| Dates                   | What's On                           |  | Dates                     | What's On                              |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| Monday 10th September   | County Quiz                         |  | Friday 9th November       | Bierkeller (Abermule community centre) |
| Monday 17th September   | Planning this year                  |  | Monday 12th November      | Jump In (Shrewsbury)                   |
| Friday 21st September   | Pub of the month (Meifod)           |  | Saturday 17 November      | Wales Eisteddfod                       |
| Monday 24th September   | Field day prep                      |  | Monday 26th November      | Winter Fair (Builth Wells)             |
| Saturday 29th September | FIELD DAY (Belan/Llanfair)          |  | Saturday 1st December     | County Dinner                          |
| Monday 8th October      | Visit to a Brewery (tbc)            |  | Monday 3rd December       | Christmas Bingo prep                   |
| Sunday 14th October     | TREASURE HUNT (tbc)                 |  | Thursday 6th/9th December | Public Speaking                        |
| Monday 15th October     | Eisteddfod prep                     |  | Monday 10th December      | CHRISTMAS BINGO                        |
| Monday 22nd October     | Eisteddfod prep                     |  | Monday 17th December      | Carol singing                          |
| Saturday 27th October   | EISTEDDFOD (Llanidloes High School) |  | Wednesday 19th December   | Carol singing                          |
| Monday 5th November     | Cinema or Fireworks                 |  | Thursday 27th December    | Xmas jumper (Crystals)                 |

## NEWTOWN BYPASS

This project started in March 2016 and will be in use at the end of February or beginning of March 2019.

The distance between the first and last roundabout is 5.6km, and there are 2 km of side roads. There are 5 roundabouts, 4 underpasses, 3 overbridges and 4 feature bridges (11 bridges in total). The bridges might look rusty already but it is weathered steel with a 120 year life. A noise attenuation scheme will be installed at the Mochdre bridge by Glandulas. There are 9 ponds, which will be used for the storage of surface water and runoff, 8 of which will have natural habitats. The Brimmon Oak has a 15m buffer for root protection. The wood from Castell-y-Dail wood was recycled as wood chip or used for Biomass. Griffiths Tarmac carried out 70% of the work, using 90,000 tons of tarmac (approx 4,500 lorryloads); 350,000 tons of stone has been used, the majority of which is from Tan-y-Foel Quarry (approx 20,600 lorryloads); 2.8 million tons of earth has been moved, and where they have built up the road, test equipment has been installed to check for movement and a 3 month settlement period has been applied.

The rock fascia on the side of the bypass is being netted. 260 people were employed at the peak of this work. 30% from a Powys postcode, 40% from the rest of Wales, and 30% from elsewhere. An inhouse skills academy has been created by the Construction Industry Training Board with an onsite trainer, employing 4 graduates, 20 long term unemployed and 17 apprentices.

### 5k Run & Afternoon Walks on the A483/A489 Sunday 21st October.

Elite runners (5k in under 30 mins) start at 9.30am. Enthusiastic runners start at 11am.

All runners must be 14 years and over. Places are strictly limited to 200 per event. £10 per person to enter.

Walks begin at 1pm and 3pm and are FREE but places must be booked.

In aid of Wales Ambulance and Cancer Research. For information call 01686 806682.

### 200 CLUB

The Autumn draw was made on Thursday 4th October and the lucky winners were:

|                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| £50 Roger Wainwright     Llanwnog   | £25 Hazel Williams     Llanwnog  |
| £25 Margaret Bromley     Aberhafesp | £15 Gwen Turner     Aberhafesp   |
| £25 Sue Walker     Bwlch y Ffridd   | £15 Eileen Williams     Tregynon |
| £25 Nigel Hamer     Bwlch y Ffridd  | £15 Neil Francis     Llanwnog    |
| £25 Paula Roberts     Llanwnog      | £15 Ivor Davies     Caersws      |

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL

For your information:

Council meetings are held on a Wednesday evening at the Community Centre 7.30pm.

Members of the public can attend any meeting, unless otherwise specified. Come and just watch or if you have an interest in anything on the agenda or have anything you wish to bring to the attention of the council. If you do wish to make a comment or raise an issue you need to ask the chairman if you can speak.

The notification and agenda for each meeting is displayed on the noticeboards in Bwlch y Ffridd, Hillcrest Aberhafesp, the community centre and the telephone kiosk in Bethel.

### YOUR OPINIONS PLEASE

We are seeking the opinion of the Residents of the community. At the latest Community Council meeting it was discussed about selling the land where the Institute used to stand in **Bwlch y Ffridd**. If the land was to be sold monies raised would be put into a trust fund to be used for the benefit of Aberhafesp Community. Do you think it should be sold or left as a carpark for residents and visitors to use?

Please send your thoughts and opinions to:  
Rachel Hamer [rachel.hamer72@hhotmail.com](mailto:rachel.hamer72@hhotmail.com)

or by letter to:

Oakdene, Bwlch y Ffridd by the end of 2018.

Thank you.

## WILDLIFE IN THE AREA

**Great Crested Newts** are an endangered species.



**Great Crested Newt**



**Smooth Newt**

These 2 were found in a local drain so we all need to check our drains  
(only one was alive).

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**From 3 October 2018 in Powys:  
NHS Direct Wales and Shropdoc GP Out Of Hours Services**  
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**Call 111**

It's *FREE* and will help you find the right advice, support and treatment.

### NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of this newsletter will be published in January 2019.  
Please submit any material to the Editor no later than the **20th December**.