

DON'T FORGET!

INDOOR BOWLS

Thursday 2-4pm at the Village Centre

BOOK GROUP

7.30pm the first Wednesday each month in the Swan Inn
No set books - everyone talks about what they have been reading.

DOG WASTE BINS

A reminder, to say that dog waste bins are for the bags dog owners pick up on their daily exercise route. Waste from gardens can go in the black bin. Dog waste bins are emptied twice weekly. BUT... Message from Streetscene:

The person who generally empties the dog waste bins has been away for three weeks on compassionate leave (death in the family) The stand in was not familiar with the area therefore bins were missed. All should be back to normal now.



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Gwernymynydd & Cadole

NEWYDDION Y PENTREFI COMMUNITY NEWS

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Community Council Update:

The basketball backboard and hoop has recently been replaced on the NPFA field. This was very kindly paid for by the Village Hall Trust Charity & Aura Wales. The Llys Enfys play area which was put in place when the houses were built (28 years plus) is in need of repair and renewals.



The work will commence over the summer months and is being paid for Aura Wales match funding programme and community council funds. Hopefully by the next newsletter it will be completed and of course I will send pictures.



The community council have decided the name of the new garden on the Carmel chapel site should be 'Gardd Capel Carmel' - Carmel Chapel Garden. It will be officially opened in the coming months, just waiting on the slate name plaque to be completed.



We need you!

VACANCY

The community council have 1 member vacancy. They would like to encourage people to put themselves forward to join the council and become part of the development and progression of the village.



The community council will be posting their own Facebook page to keep people up to date with what the community council are all about, who the members are, and what is happening. This will post alongside the website page, 'Gwernymynydd & Cadole Community Council'.

Following the AGM in May, Mike Meadway has taken on the role as Chairperson & Victoria Norman has taken on the role of Vice-Chairperson

A reminder about the photography competition for the 2024 calendar. All entries to be sent to:
victorianorman628@aol.com



GCC & the village centre have plans to hold evenings, with local bands and entertainment.

Dates are to be confirmed

If you have any newsworthy items you would like to include in future editions of the Gwernymynydd & Cadole community newsletter or for advertisement opportunities, please contact: Nancy Matthews: sendittonancy@gmail.com

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Heating Schemes:

You may have noticed advertisements for Heating Schemes which make Welsh Government money available to those of us who live in Wales. Ring up for a chat you may well qualify.

FREE HEATING SCHEME

(for homes not on mains gas)
ECO4 Scheme 01352 748876
Also provides funding for installation of Loft insulation
Cavity wall insulation
Solid wall insulation

BOILERS

If your boiler is over 10 years old you may be eligible for a boiler replacement.

GRANTS

Earlier in the year the Village Centre trustees were offered a FREE ENERGY SURVEY. As it was free we said 'Yes please' Eventually the survey arrived. It highlighted some ways in which money could be saved on energy bills. The most straightforward idea was to replace the lights in the main hall with LED light fittings.

Even better was the offer of a grant to cover 100% of the cost through Cadwyn Clwyd Rural Development Fund!!

The work had to be done by 30th June. Fortunately we found an electrician who could do the job in that time scale.

Thank you Welsh Government.

Gwernymynydd School Fayre

On the 20th June, Gwernymynydd primary school held a summer fayre to raise funds for the school. Thankfully the rain held off and we raised a fantastic amount of money which will go towards enhancing the children's future learning experience. There was a number of stalls including lots of fun games, pre-loved sale, refreshments, cakes, tombola and a fantastic raffle.

None of it would have been possible without the help of the teachers and school support staff, parents, the PTA and local

businesses who very generously donated incredible raffle prizes and/or provided services; Knights Castles, their bouncy castle proved extremely popular! North Wales Police and their wonderful PCSO. Village Bakery, iData, Choice Workwear, Hanson Cement, Venue Cymru, Freedome, Blue Planet, Glas Fryn, Jackie Parker (FM rep), DC Footgolf Centre, Theatre Clwyd, Greenacres Animal Park, Lotties Sweet & Savoury, Xplore Wrexham, Danni Harry Photography, Breakout Chester, Full of Character, Town & Country Furnishings

of Mold, Gwernymynydd Community Council, Kingswood Colomendy, McDonalds, Woodworks, Infinity, Liberty Cabbage, David Setter, Ironworks Oswestry, Shine Beauty, Kelly Roberts Beauty, Wake up at Winkups (Dayah Evans) and Mold Golf Club to name just a few...

The PTA would like to thank everybody who attended for showing our wonderful village school a huge amount of support.

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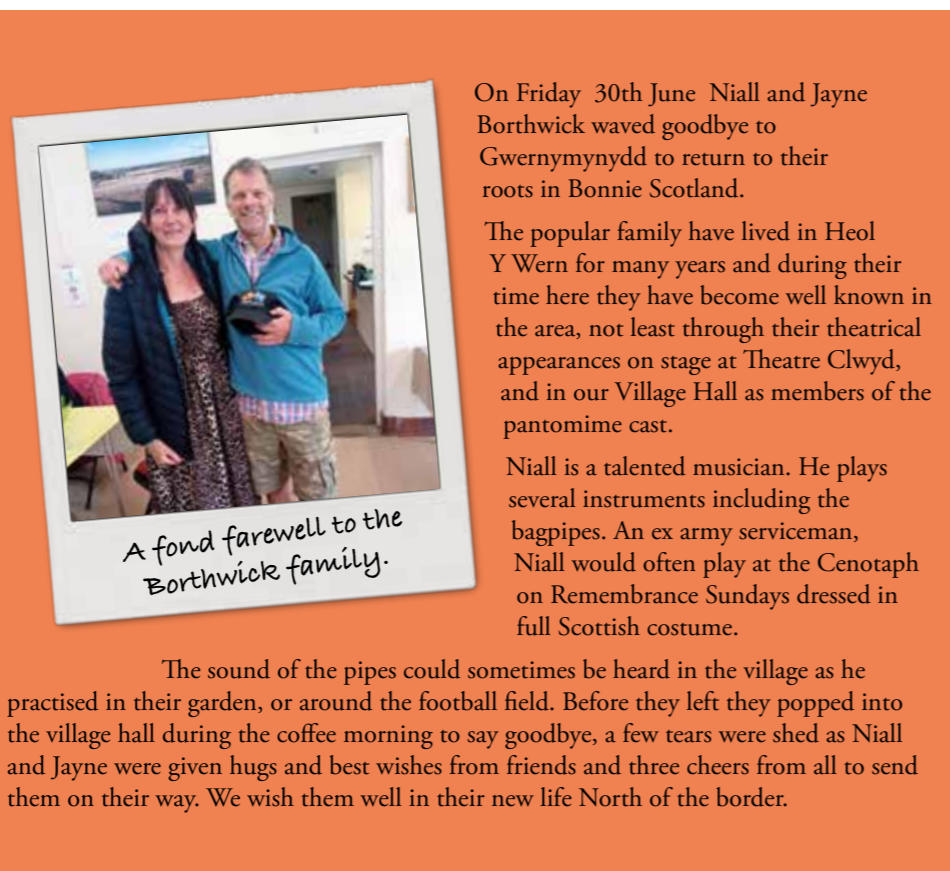
(4 hours per week)

The Trustees of Gwernymynydd Village Centre are looking for a highly motivated individual who takes pride in what they do to join our team. We are a tight knit team solely made from residents of Gwernymynydd and Cadole.

The Trustees are responsible for the general running and maintenance of the Gwernymynydd Village Centre. You will be working alongside our Caretaker to ensure that high cleaning standards are carried out so that we provide a safe, clean and professional venue for the residents of Gwernymynydd, Cadole and surrounding areas.

For an informal discussion and to apply please contact our secretary, Rhiannon Denham on 07834 484556 or via email rhiannontudor@yahoo.co.uk.

To start as soon as possible



On Friday 30th June Niall and Jayne Borthwick waved goodbye to Gwernymynydd to return to their roots in Bonnie Scotland.

The popular family have lived in Heol Y Wern for many years and during their time here they have become well known in the area, not least through their theatrical appearances on stage at Theatre Clwyd, and in our Village Hall as members of the pantomime cast.

Niall is a talented musician. He plays several instruments including the bagpipes. An ex army serviceman, Niall would often play at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sundays dressed in full Scottish costume.

The sound of the pipes could sometimes be heard in the village as he practised in their garden, or around the football field. Before they left they popped into the village hall during the coffee morning to say goodbye, a few tears were shed as Niall and Jayne were given hugs and best wishes from friends and three cheers from all to send them on their way. We wish them well in their new life North of the border.

Saying goodbye...

In 1987 our family came to live in Gwernymynydd and were made very welcome by our neighbours on Ffordd Bryn Gwyn. They arrived with cups of tea (amid the chaos of moving in), mince pies and invitations. Everyone was considerably older than us. At the end of May we said goodbye to the last remaining member of that group: MARGARET THOMAS of BRYN GWYN FARM

We have also bid farewell to JOHN EDWARD HYWEL DAVIES of Fron Isa Farm, Swan Lane.

Quarry Update

The infilling to the quarry has progressed well over the past years and ASH are pleased to confirm that they have received no complaints from the general public or residents of the village for several years regarding their operations on site. ASH have had no known issues with Flintshire Planning Authority and Natural Resource Wales regulatory body who both regularly visit and inspect the site.

The bat population in the caves appears to be on the increase as does the badger activity on site. We have a film recording of a pole cat on site taken with our onsite cameras during the night.

The greater crested newt population is not on the increase but remains stable. All the invasive weeds and vegetation that was on site which included Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed have now been treated and eradicated from the site which is good news.

A new re-design of the final profile of the quarry has been undertaken to ensure a sustainable finished profile. The un-foreseen and now required works around the

bat cave entrance (as instructed by NRW) have been undertaken to secure the long term future of the bat habitat. The caves were under threat of being flooded by site water run off and Natural Resource Wales environmental officers required remedial action to be undertaken by ASH to sort out the problem. This was not something that was not envisaged or picked upon in the original design.

Complying with this regulatory requirement has necessitated the use of a substantial percentage of the original permitted infill tonnage to be used in these areas which was not originally planned for. These changes regarding the new bat cave entrance installation coincided with the local infill material arisings and volumes being reduced for all kinds of reasons but primarily caused by a down turn in work due to Covid. As a result delays in completion on the original timescale have occurred, some due to Covid and some as a result of the post Covid regulatory process delays which we encountered with Natural Resource Wales. All of these factors when combined will necessitate the application

to extend the duration of permitted infill operations, an increase to the permitted infill tonnage and the submission of a revised final profile for the Cambrian Quarry restoration project to incorporate the new bat entrance structure.

Locally and in the community.

ASH have sponsored the construction of the bee hives at the community centre as well as presenting a park bench to the local school for their garden area in memory of Kevin Hughes who we so tragically lost during Covid.

On a lighter note John Dennon one of ASH's directors performed the task of dressing up and being Father Christmas at the local primary school at Christmas time and distributed presents to the children.

ASH will continue to work with the local community and keep them updated at all times and will strive to ensure they continue to maintain the high standards of operation at Cambrian Quarry which the Gwernymynydd residents and have become accustomed to.

SAVE
THE DAY!

1. VILLAGE LITTER PICK OCTOBER 21st
2. CHRISTMAS FAYRE DECEMBER 2nd
3. CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH DECEMBER 22nd

organised by the Coffee Morning Group (funded by a grant from the Village Hall Trust.)
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