

# Gwernymynydd & Cadole

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## Congratulations Tarsem!

Gwernymynydd resident Tarsem Singh Dhaliwal, CEO of Iceland Foods, was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the 2025 New Year's Honours.

Mr Dhaliwal received the award for his services to the Welsh economy, retail and charity.

As a trustee of the Iceland Foods Charitable Foundation, which has given more than £30m to good causes since 1973, he has been actively involved in supporting fundraising for dementia, the environment, wellbeing and children.

The Foundation also supports the UK Sepsis Trust and Prostate Cancer UK.



Gwernymynydd cloud inversion. Photo by Gavin Elsley.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE?

Find out at [gwernymynydd.org.uk](http://gwernymynydd.org.uk)

FOR VILLAGE CENTRE BOOKINGS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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## VILLAGE CENTRE PRICES ARE RISING!

As many readers will know, the Gwernymynydd Village Centre (GVC) is a popular venue for a wide variety of events. From bowls to bingo, football to fitness classes, and parties to pantomimes, the Centre is a hub for the local community.

What people might be less aware of is the amount of money required to keep the building running.

Last year, on top of the regular checks, maintenance and servicing that must be carried out, the building's entire electrical system and exterior lighting were upgraded.

The cost of those works alone was nearly £6000. Roof and chimney repairs, and the sad but essential felling of two willows, added a further £3000, taking the total running costs over a 12-month period to more than £25000.

Not since 2017, when major renovations were supported by a grant from Flintshire County Council, has so much money been spent on the building. In addition, some of the Village Centre's fixed rate contracts for utilities have ended, with new rates being significantly higher.



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VILLAGE CENTRE

The Village Centre is managed by a group of trustees whose responsibilities include safeguarding both the Centre's funds and the future of the Centre. In the light of the current financial pressures, the trustees have agreed that hire prices will increase from 1 April this year.

Depending on the length of hire, the prices that clubs and other users pay will rise by between 11% and 14% of the 2023 fees. Whether individual clubs and groups pass on these increases to their members is, of course, up to them, but do remember that the more the Centre is used, the more income it generates and the easier it becomes to manage the financial situation.

So, if you already use the Village Centre, thank you! And if you don't at present, please do! Maybe come to a coffee morning, join a class, hold a party - every little helps - or join the group of trustees working to keep the ship afloat.

*Eric Davies, Editor, "in conversation" with Bridget Meadway, GVC Treasurer.*

## COULD YOU GIVE A RESCUED CAT A LOVING HOME?

New Hope for Forgotten Cats is a small non-profit cat rescue set up to help stray, abandoned, lost and unwanted cats in Flintshire.

Across the UK, the Covid pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis, backyard breeding and increased vet costs have all contributed to a perfect storm, resulting in an unprecedented demand for rescue.

Since June 2024, New Hope for Forgotten Cats have rehomed 65 cats and kittens, with many more waiting for their forever homes. All cats and kittens are fully vaccinated, microchipped and neutered, and any prospective adopters are asked to make a donation and required to have a home visit.

For more information, check out the New Hope for Forgotten Cats Facebook page.



## NEWS FROM GWERNYMYNYDD CP SCHOOL

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### Do you have a young child at home?

We offer Early Entitlement in our school for children the term after their third birthday and also offer 30 hours free childcare in our wrap-around provision of 'Sunbeams' which is located in Ysgol y Waun.

We are currently setting up a Parent / Baby / Toddler session each week; if you are interested in joining, please contact the school office to be kept updated.

If you would like further information about Early Entitlement or school admissions get in touch with the school office. For details about Sunbeams childcare please email Rachel on sunbeams171@outlook.com.



### Anti-Bullying Award

We asked our children if they would like to nominate a staff member for an award in recognition of the work they do in supporting children in terms of bullying. They were all very keen to nominate Mrs Albrighton. Just before Christmas we received the fantastic news that Mrs Albrighton had won the Wales Primary School category of the Anti-Bullying Week 2024 School Staff Award organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This is the first time the award has been won in North Wales. We are delighted to receive this recognition of the exceptional support that Mrs Albrighton and our staff provide to our children in managing behaviours and attitudes regarding friendships, disagreements and bullying.

### Wonderful Welsh

Our topic 'Be bold, be curious and be proud of your heritage' focused on various aspects of the history of Wales. The Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative (WHSI) were running a competition, which we entered by sending in our presentation of work from children.

The judges were particularly interested in the processes the children had gone through, as the topic was taught through the use of 'Mantle of the Expert', which is a dramatic-enquiry approach to teaching and learning that catches the children's imagination and makes learning meaningful and exciting.

Due to the enthusiasm the children showed, the judges could see the impact of the project, how well they had all engaged, and the extent to which the project had inspired and motivated them.

We were really pleased when the WHSI contacted us to say that our school had won. Building on this with our Welsh language work, we were also awarded the Bronze Certificate for Cymraeg Campus which recognises how we promote a strong Welsh ethos and use Welsh across the school.

*We have many keen children, so if you feel there are ways we can work with the community, please contact the school office on 01352 756756 or gmmail@hwbmail.net.*





## **INDOOR BOWLS**

The Bowls Club meets in the Village Centre every Thursday afternoon at 2pm.

We play on a long green mat indoors, so there's no problem if the weather's bad.

It's an easy game to play and a great way to enjoy good gentle exercise.

Don't worry if you haven't played before, as we're always happy to offer help and advice.

We have a stock of bowls, so you don't need to bring your own.

The session is from 2-4pm, with a break around 3pm for tea or coffee and a biscuit.

We are very informal, so if you would like some company and a chat just pop in on a Thursday afternoon and see if it is something you'd like.

There is normally a small charge, but your first visit is free.


If you would like more information, please phone or message Alf on 07851 558552 or Ken on 07432 330506.



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 10 March: Black Bins, Food Waste, Recycling  
 17 March: Brown Bins, Food Waste, Recycling  
 24 March: Black Bins, Food Waste, Recycling  
 31 March: Brown Bins, Food Waste, Recycling

Information taken from flintshire.gov.uk website.

#### DENBIGHSHIRE - WEDNESDAYS

*At the time of writing, there was no information for collections in Denbighshire beyond the end of January on the denbighshire.gov.uk website.*

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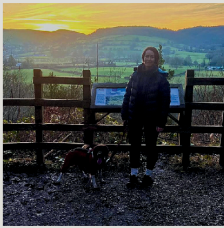
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## “Our top 5 tax-saving tips for 2025!”

The New Year is the perfect time for a refresh. I like to use the first couple of months of the year to add to and reassess my goals and make sure I'm on track to reach them. Here are our top 5 tax-saving tips that can help you reassess your financial goals and make the most of your money:

1. Check you're using all tax allowances and reliefs. Using what's available to you now could help you reduce your tax liability in other areas, such as Inheritance Tax.
2. Check the current balances and interest rates of all your assets – do you know where everything is and will it still cover you in an emergency?
3. Review all of your ongoing subscriptions and memberships, and make a call as to whether they are worth keeping or not.
4. Set up a regular contribution into some form of medium- to long-term savings pot.
5. Arrange regular financial 'health checks' with your adviser, to help keep you on track.

If you are interested in finding out which tax allowances and reliefs are available to you, please feel free to contact me on [katy.davies2@sjpp.co.uk](mailto:katy.davies2@sjpp.co.uk) or feel free to say hello if you spot me around the village!”

*Kate*

The levels and bases of taxation, and reliefs from taxation, can change at any time and are generally dependent on individual circumstances.

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