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Parkinson's fundraiser a huge success!



The recent fundraiser for Parkinson's UK at the Village Centre in memory of Joan Bendall raised £2100.

Jim Bendall and family would like to thank everyone who helped organise the event and those who supported it.

Both the number of people celebrating Joan's life, and the amount of money raised, exceeded Jim's wildest expectations!

Another fundraiser, this time a coffee morning in aid of Nightingale House, will be held at the Village Centre on Friday 5 September, from 10am till 11.30am. There will be homemade cake for sale, with gluten free and dairy free options available.

A SAFER VILLAGE CENTRE

The Village Centre trustees are thrilled to announce that an application to Cadwyn Clwyd for a grant to improve safety inside the building has been successful.

Our Fire Safety Improvements project has been awarded the sum of £1915.78 from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

This award will enable all detection and lighting systems to be upgraded for the ease and safety of all who use the Centre, day or night, and to support our goals of inclusivity and access for all.









WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE?
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NATURE CORNER: HURRAH FOR HOVERFLIES!

By Mrs Bimble

Hoverflies are among the most easily overlooked joys of our gardens. From spring to late autumn they may be seen hanging motionless in the air, then darting away almost faster than our eyes can follow.

Many of the over 280 species found in Britain use protective yellow and black camouflage, mimicking the warning colouring of bees and wasps. So some folk assume that hoverflies have stings. They don't! They are totally good guys.

Gardeners might be delighted to note that nearly half of all types of hoverfly develop from larvae which eat aphids, whilst others helpfully live on (and help to compost) waste material such as dead leaves and old wood.

If you want to be scientific you could count wings - bees and wasps have two pairs, hoverflies only have one pair - or you could just have fun distinguishing the glorious golden Marmalade hover from the Batman who wears the Caped Crusader's logo on its thorax, or the multistriped Footballer hoverfly, proudly displaying his yellow and black home kit.



The photo shows a bumble bee, honey bee and hoverfly doing a little sun (flower) dance.

The main thing is to encourage hoverflies into your garden by growing easy-access, nectar rich open flowers such as aubrietia, marigolds, viburnum and ivy. Try to make a little log pile for egg-laying and larva food and, of course, provide water. Even if you can't manage a pond, a few small dishes dotted about the garden are good. These are, of course, all things that nature needs in our gardens.

THANKS FROM NANCY

Nancy Matthews wishes to thank everyone in the village who has supported her during her recent illness and offers her apologies to anyone she hasn't yet thanked in person.

NEWS FROM GWERNYMYNYDD CP SCHOOL

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Summer Colour run

Children and parents thoroughly enjoyed our colour run. The children made their way through an obstacle course while having water and coloured powder thrown at them. The event raised over £1500, which is absolutely amazing. Our summer raffle was also a huge success, thanks to the many generous donations from local businesses for the prizes.





Experiences and opportunities this year

As we reach the end of another academic year, it's the perfect time to reflect on the achievements, progress and memorable experiences we've shared across the Hafod Federation. Once again, our pupils have shown resilience, creativity, courage and respect in all areas of school life—whether it be academic success, sporting participation, or personal growth and well-being.

Throughout the year, experiences have included PC Mark visiting each class termly, music lessons with P-Buzz for all Year 3 and 4 pupils, and a hands-on Science and Technology week where pupils worked on various activities, including fossil studies and dissecting hearts. Our Welsh week continued to raise the profile of our Welsh language and culture, while also covering important topics such as challenging bullying, online safety, and mental health. Additionally, our pupils enjoyed a 'Break the Rules' day, where they paid to break various school rules, raising money for their class to spend as they chose. School visits have included trips to Mold Police Station, Imagine That, the William Aston Hall music extravaganza, the Pantomime, Bewilderwood and Liverpool museums, plus workshops from a chocolate company, the NSPCC, Don't Touch Tell, and Young Persons Counselling.



Year 6 pupils

It is now time for our Year 6 pupils to move on to secondary school. We are very proud of all they have achieved and wish them all the very best as they continue their education journey.



NEW THURSDAY YOGA CLASS

Experienced Yoga teacher Mike Cragg will be starting a new evening class at the Village Centre from Thursday 18 September at 7.15pm.



Having taught traditional Yoga for over 30 years in both Merseyside and Flintshire, Mike is an accredited Senior Yoga Teacher Trainer who has trained many teachers over the years.

Mike's background is in health and fitness. He is a Level 5 Personal Trainer (specialising in strength and conditioning) focusing on rehabilitation from injury or illness and on strength work for adults. He teaches group mat Pilates, 1 to 1 Yoga and Pilates (including Pilates Reformer work) and also works as an acupuncturist and soft tissue therapist.

The new class will focus on body awareness, strength (and core strength), flexibility and relaxation. Classes

are intended to be fun and enjoyable, with participants encouraged not to take themselves too seriously.

Mike believes that Yoga is a near perfect way to deal with the physical and mental challenges of life; at the end of a class everyone will have been given a good workout and their mind calmed and decluttered.

The Thursday class is suitable for all ability levels, says Mike, with exercises and practices adapted according to individual needs. Participants will, he adds, regularly use equipment to both wake up their bodies and make the session accessible for to all.

For more information, see Mike's website: yogapilatesflintshire.co.uk

CAN YOU HELP THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL?

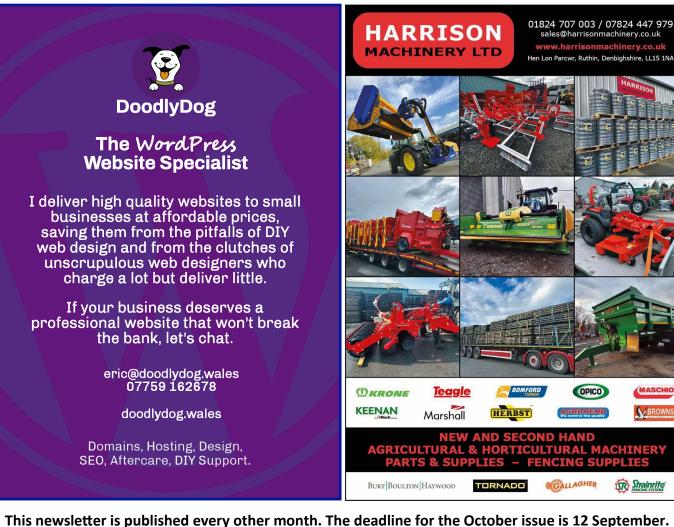
Gwernymynydd Community Council (GCC) needs more members. Among other things, the Community Council organises local events, from litter picks and bingo to the annual remembrance service. It supports the school, the Village Centre, the summer play scheme and the three local play areas.

The GCC meets on the last Thursday of each month except in August and December. If you have a little spare time, your help to improve our local community would be very welcome.

This year the Council wants to replace the surface of the bike track located on the field next to the Village Centre, so that it will be suitable for scooters, roller blades and skateboards as well as bikes.

The Council is currently looking for volunteers to help manage the Chapel garden, which is on the main road opposite the new houses on the site of the old Rainbow Pub.

If you or someone you know can help with the Chapel garden or are interested in becoming a member of the Community Council please get in touch by emailing clerk@gwernymynydd.org.uk





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"What were the key agricultural changes from the 2024 Budget?

From April 2026, there are set to be a lot of changes that will affect agricultural assets that were announced as part of the Autumn Budget in 2024. There are updates still to come, but here's what we know so far...



gricultural Property Relief (APR) is being restricted. The first £1 million of combined agricultural and business

property assets are still exempt from IHT however, anything over this £1 million not passing to a surviving spouse or civil partner will be subject to 20% IHT charge.



Landlords who have no involvement in the active farming of their land, including anyone

that receives a rental or lease income, may be unable to claim APR. We are still awaiting further clarification.

dependent on individual circumstances.



Diversifying the purpose of your agricultural land to include a non-farming business such as holiday

lets, renewable energy projects, or farm shops, could affect your eligibility for APR and see these assets become part of your estate and taxable at 40%.

A clawback provision could be used to recover APR if the use of your agricultural land changes, such as the examples listed above, after it has been inherited. Clarification on the details are to come.

If you would like to know more, please feel free to contact me on adam.tilston@sjpp.co.uk or come and have a chat if you spot me around the village!"

The levels and bases of taxation, and reliefs from taxation, can change at any time and are



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