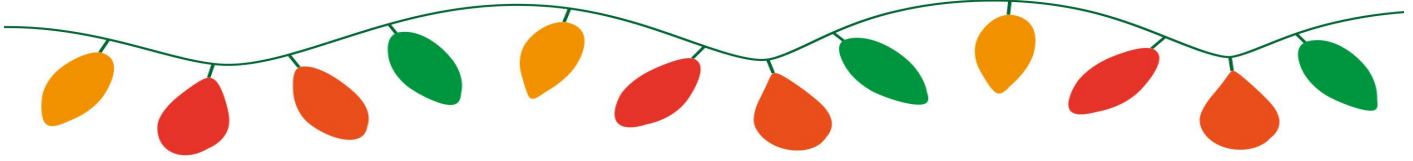


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Can you make a Christmas wish come true?

Are you practical and sociable? Or happy with a spreadsheet? Do you have time to help your local community?

At the end of March next year, our current Treasurer and Caretaker will retire from their posts at the Village Centre and we are therefore looking for people to take on these roles.

There are options to job share and considerable flexibility in meeting most of the needs of both posts. To enable a smooth transition, we'd like to get new people in place before the current post holders leave us. Key responsibilities of the roles are outlined below ...

The CARETAKER:

- * Attends to the fabric of the building.
- * Does simple DIY maintenance and arranges for any work that needs outsourcing to be done.
- * Is a point of contact for hirers using the Centre.
- * Liaises with potential users, suppliers and service agents.

The role offers up to six hours of paid work each week at the national living wage (currently £12.21 per hour; equivalent to £73.26 per week for six hours).

The TREASURER:

- * Looks after the Centre's accounts, invoices users and pays the bills.
 - * Provides a monthly summary for the Centre's Trustees and usually attends the monthly Committee meetings.
 - * Is responsible for ensuring that the Centre's monies are managed appropriately for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and produces an annual report for the Charity Commission.
- Our accounts are currently managed using Excel.

If replacements for these two key functions can't be found, it's likely that the Centre will cease to function, because other members of the Village Centre Committee cannot take on these roles in addition to their existing commitments.

If you, a family member or friend can step forward to help with either post, then please get in touch for a chat by emailing treasurer.gvc@gmail.com, stating which position you're interested in. Our fingers are crossed that our Christmas wish for a new Treasurer and Caretaker will be granted!

The Village Centre Committee wishes all our readers a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year

WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE?

Find out at gwernymynydd.org.uk

**FOR VILLAGE CENTRE BOOKINGS, PLEASE CONTACT:
bookings@gwernymynydd.org.uk**

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING



Join us on the last Friday of each month in the Village Centre, 10.00-11.30, for tea or coffee & homemade cake (gluten-free & dairy-free options available).



Images by Gavin J Priest Photography



VILLAGE CENTRE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thanks to the generosity of Flintshire County Council there is a free Christmas Lunch at the Village Centre on Friday 19th December at 12.30pm.

There will be a Christmas raffle and a finger buffet for people from the village and surrounding area.

Admission is by ticket only and numbers are limited. To request a ticket, please phone June Perrin on **01352 219 371** by 10th December.

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE!

Due to the refurbishment work being carried out at Loggerheads Country Park, Frank Hill of Loggerheads Christmas Trees will be selling trees this year from the Village Centre car park.

Depending on demand and the amount of trees available, sales are scheduled to continue into mid-December, with occasional breaks to allow parking for people attending events at the Centre.



BETH GRIFFITHS

It was with great sadness that we recently mourned the passing of Beth Griffiths of Godre'r Coed, Gwernymynydd.

Beth had lived in the village with her family since June 1982 and had been involved in many of the village activities, through the School, the W.I. and events in the Village Centre.

A total of £750 was raised as donations in her memory and was passed on to MS Cymru to be used for the purpose of multiple sclerosis research.

Beth's family would like to express their sincere thanks for all the kind messages of sympathy they have received.

NEWS FROM GWERNYMYNYDD CP SCHOOL

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Harvest Collection

Parents very kindly donated non-perishable foods for our harvest collection. During our school service we talked about farming and how harvest has changed over the years. Our older children boxed up and delivered small food parcels with cards to some of the community as a way of spreading kindness.

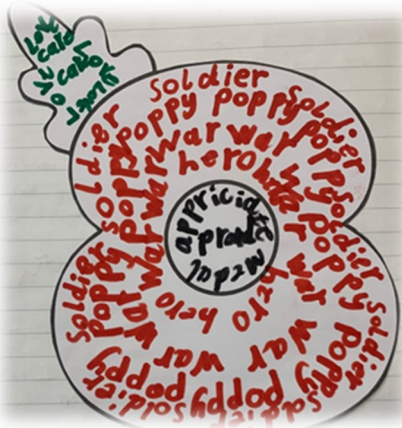
Bonfire Night

This event is often loved by children but not so much by those with pets at home. In school our children made lots of fire-work art work and even decorated sticks as sparklers.



Remembrance Day

It is important that our children continue to learn about Remembrance Day and the lives that have been given to serve our country. Lots of artwork has been produced and is on show in our classes.



Christmas Fair

Our PTA are holding a Christmas fair on Tuesday 16th December from 3pm. Come along and join in the fun – everyone is welcome.



2026 Calendars

Our children have created a 2026 calendar with artwork for each month. Calendars can be purchased from the school office for £5 each, with all funds raised going to support our children.

Special thanks to Fairway Design for helping us with designs and printing.

FESTIVE QUIZ - by Sue Elsley

1. Who first sang about a White Christmas in the 1940s, and who wrote the song? 2 pts
2. The three gifts of the Magi were said to be what?
3. What is the chemical formula for ice?
4. What form of being is Olaf in Disney's film 'Frozen'?
5. Who created the children's graphic tale 'The Snowman'?
6. When building a snowman how is Daucus Carota used?
7. The sun rises and deer run in which old Yuletide song?
8. How is Helleborus Niger more commonly known?
9. Mr Tumnus says it is "Always winter but never Christmas" in which land?
10. What was often hidden in the Christmas pud when we were young?
11. Of what did Dawn French say in the ad, "It's not Terry's, it's mine"?
12. Which benevolent Bohemian king appears in an English carol?
13. Neige is the French word for what?
14. Tannenbaum means what in German?
15. In which pantomime does wicked King Rat appear?
16. In which country did the turkey originate (its not Turkey!)?
17. Which Elizabethan sailor should we thank for roast potatoes?
18. Captain James Cook visited which Pacific island on 24th December 1777?
19. By what name is Schlumbergera truncata commonly known?
20. What are the last five words of Dickens's 'A Christmas Carol'? 5 pts

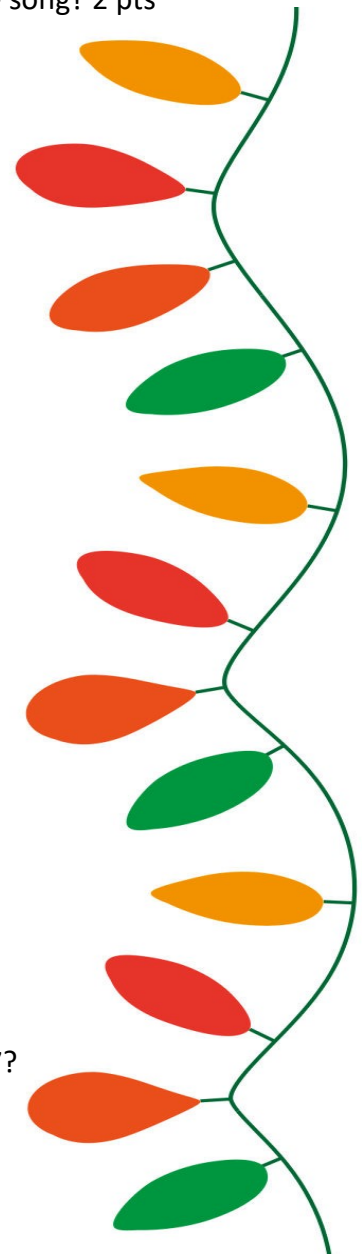
Total 25 points - THE ANSWERS ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE

LUNCH CLUB QUIZZES NOW AVAILABLE TO BUY

Sue Elsley has been writing her 'little quizzes' to round off the Village Centre monthly Lunches since well before Covid. Each one has a theme and Sue says that it's lovely to see people who say, "Oh, I'm no good at quizzes" gradually becoming really competitive as they join forces to beat teams on neighbouring tables.

Realising that there is now a collection of over 50 quizzes, Sue thought it would be a good idea to put some into a booklet to sell for charity and - as the original quizzers enjoy nourishing meals, cosy homes and comfy beds - what better charity to donate to than Shelter Cymru.

Priced at £4.99 the *Lunch Club Quiz Book* is available from Vicki Seddon at Tyn y Wern, Heol y Wern, and from Sue Elsley herself, who can be contacted on 01352 750 489.



Lunch Club Quiz Book



Compiled and illustrated by

Sue Elsley

SUPPORT OUR BID FOR A VILLAGE CENTRE DIGITAL HUB



The Village Centre Committee is proposing to create a fully accessible, digitally equipped virtual meeting room to meet the growing need for inclusive digital spaces in our rural community.

Funding will be sought to convert an existing room in the Village Centre into a flexible, modern facility to enable both in-person and virtual participation.

This will allow the Centre to host hybrid meetings, virtual learning sessions and digital skills training. The space will also be available for local organisations and small businesses to use for remote working, webinars and networking events.

To help us gauge the level of support for this initiative, please respond 'Yes', 'No' or 'Don't know' using this QR code or the link [surveymonkey.com/r/BVD8XVJ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BVD8XVJ)



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VILLAGE CENTRE WEBSITE
 The Village Centre now has its own website at gvc.wales

1. Bing Crosby singer, Irving Berlin writer. 2pts
2. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.
3. H2O (its only water).
4. A snowman
5. Raymond Briggs.
6. His nose
7. The Holly and the Ivy
8. The Christmas Rose
9. Narnia
10. A silver sixpence or three penny piece (accept either)
11. Terry's' Chocolate Orange.
12. Good King Wenceslas.
13. Snow
14. The Christmas Tree
15. Dick Wittington.
16. America
17. Sir Walter Raleigh.
18. Christmas Island
19. The Christmas cactus
20. "God bless us, every one"

FESTIVE QUIZ ANSWERS



“How are you feeling about the Autumn Budget?”

After months of rumours circulating in the news about potential changes to our country's financial systems, it's not been difficult to feel overwhelmed and uncertain about how this will affect you and your future. Here are some tips that I think will help you stay steady in the face of these changes:

1. Avoid making rash decisions. It can be easy to make decisions without thinking when we become overwhelmed, but it is best to take a step back and wait before making big financial decisions. If you're basing your decisions on rumours or what other people think, this could put you in a worse position if they don't end up coming true.

2. Discuss your concerns with a financial adviser. We are here to help ease any worries you may have, identify any changes that are announced that will affect you, and help you understand the options available to help you navigate them.

3. Make and revise your financial plans. Before making big decisions, you can strategise for potential scenarios by making a plan, or revising your current plans, for each outcome. When you have all the facts, you can decide on the best course of action for you.

If you have any concerns about the Autumn Budget announcements, or you would like to find out how they affect you, please feel free to contact me on adam.tilston@sjpp.co.uk or feel free to say hello if you spot me around the village!" *-Adam*



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