

# Gwernymynydd & Cadole

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## Farewell to Jacko

In April the Village lost a much loved friend with the passing of Carl Jackson. 'Jacko', as everyone called, him served for many years as a member of the Community Council, while he and his wife Diane also kept the Village Centre building in pristine condition, only retiring in 2023 when ill-health intervened.

They lived in Blaen Wern since 1979 when Carl retired from the army, where he had served in conflict zones such as Aden and Northern Ireland as part of the First King's Own Borderers.

He and Diane had become friends as pen-pals, then met in person and, as Diane says, "Fell in love".

Rightly proud of his army career, Carl could be seen each Remembrance Day paying his respects to the fallen, whom he also honoured each day of his long and fulfilled life by serving his community as he had served his country.

## Richard Droog

Jean, Clare and Denise would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kindness and support through cards, flowers and messages during a very tough time following the sudden and unexpected death of Richard at the start of January.

Richard and Jean have lived in the village now for over 45 years and many may remember Richard as he was caretaker at the school for a number of years.

In Richard's memory, Denise is planning to run the Berlin and Valencia marathons later this year to raise money for the **British Heart Foundation**. People can donate, and read Denise's story, by visiting [justgiving.com/page/denise-droog-berlin-and-valencia](http://justgiving.com/page/denise-droog-berlin-and-valencia) or by scanning the QR code.



**WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE?**

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

**FOR VILLAGE CENTRE BOOKINGS, PLEASE CONTACT:  
[bookings@gwernymynydd.org.uk](mailto: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

## CARETAKER/S WANTED FOR VILLAGE CENTRE

Due to a change in circumstances, our recently-appointed Caretaker has suddenly had to resign their position.

The Village Centre Committee is therefore looking for one or two people to take on the role.

The main responsibilities of the Caretaker are to:

- 1 - attend to the fabric of the building;**
- 2 - carry out simple DIY maintenance;**
- 3 - arrange for any work that needs outsourcing to be done;**
- 4 - liaise with suppliers and service agents;**
- 5 - liaise with potential users;**
- 6 - act as a point of contact for hirers using the Centre.**

Examples of regular tasks include: setting heat times for the coming week; performing basic security and cleanliness check inside and outside; checking the fire alarm system; and showing new hirers how to operate front doors, where cleaning supplies are kept, and where tables and chairs are stored.

**It might be possible for someone other than the Caretaker to take on points 5 and 6, but we urgently need someone who is able to handle 1-4.**

The role offers up to six hours of paid work each week at the national living wage (currently £12.71 per hour; equivalent to £76.26 per week for six hours).

There is considerable flexibility around the hours worked and we will consider job-share options.

However, it is important that anyone thinking of applying lives locally and, other than for taking occasional holidays, is available year-round.

If you, a family member or friend can help, then please get in touch for an initial chat with Eric Davies on 07759 162678 or by emailing [eric@doodlydog.wales](mailto:eric@doodlydog.wales).



## NEWS FROM GWERNYMYNYDD CP SCHOOL

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**We need your help!** Our school are currently one of the charities taking part in the customer vote at Tesco. From now until the end of July please vote for us with the blue tokens. Our project is 'Active Play Every Day' and we hope to buy new PE and active play equipment for our children. Every token counts towards our total and votes can be made in both the Mold and Connah's Quay stores.

**Working closely with Mold Police Station** our Year 6 pupils visited the station and carried out various activities and discussions linked with anti-social behaviour. The pupils were exceptionally well-behaved and the PTA treated them to lunch at Waffle box before returning to school.

**Our Year 5 pupils are also working with Mold Police** on an initiative called 'Mini Police' and in the coming weeks will be identifying ways to improve Gwernymynydd. Look out for them in their uniforms.

**Continuing with the police theme,** our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils went to Ruthin Gaol on a visit partly funded by a community/arts grant.



### Ruthin School Year 5 Maths Challenge

We entered 3 teams from the Hafod Federation and proudly came 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Pupils completed some very challenging problems and, most importantly, had fun.



### Food and Fun Programme – Important Update!

Ysgol y Waun are hosting the Food and Fun programme this summer. This programme is completely FREE to attend. If you would like to book a place, please let us know which days your child will be attending by 10th June. This really helps us to plan activities, staffing and meals for everyone. Each week there will be art, physical, nutrition and enrichment activities planned and children will receive a healthy lunch.

The scheme runs from 20th July to 6th August, Monday to Thursday.

For more information or to confirm days, please contact Corey at [sunbeams171@outlook.com](mailto:sunbeams171@outlook.com). Thank you for your continued support.

## JOIN OUR FRIENDLY INDOOR BOWLS GROUP

The Bowls Club meets in the Village Centre on Thursday afternoons 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're very informal, so if you'd like some company and a chat just pop in on a Thursday afternoon and try it out. There's normally a small charge, but your first visit is free.

For more information call Peter on 07748 546561.



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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS



At April's meeting of Gwernymynydd Community Council, Councillor Marjorie Thomson was presented with a bouquet of flowers to mark her last meeting.

A Councillor for over 15 years, Marjorie was Chair for many years and more recently has been the Council's One Voice Wales representative.

Marjorie leaves with her colleagues' heartfelt thanks for her service and best wishes for the future. She will be much missed.



Also in April, the first of this year's garden tidy-ups at Carmel Chapel garden took place at the top of the hill opposite the new houses on the site of the old Rainbow Pub.

## CANCER CENTRE FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

Newsletter editor Eric Davies will be taking part in his 15th Ras yr Wyddfa (the Snowdon Race) on 18 July to raise money for the North Wales Cancer Appeal.

Having previously completed the event just months after knee surgery (twice) and prostate surgery, this looks to be his toughest challenge yet because 69-year-old Eric is being treated for recurrent prostate cancer.

“I spent most of February having radiotherapy at the North Wales Cancer Centre in Ysbyty Glan Clw-yd,” he says. “The parking was dreadful, but the staff were wonderful and I’d like to repay them for effectively saving my life by raising some much-needed funds for the Centre.”

Because he’s on hormone therapy to reduce his testosterone level, Eric’s run will be even harder than usual as the side effects include a reduced ability to build or retain muscle and a lack of energy.

“Running, especially running uphill, is now really hard work because the therapy is making me weaker and slower” explains Eric, “but I’m not one to give up easily and I’ll keep on training in an effort to build my fitness to the point that I can get up and down Yr Wyddfa once again.”

Anyone who’d like to donate can do so by visiting Eric’s fundraising page at [justgiving.com/page/thanksfromeric](https://justgiving.com/page/thanksfromeric) or by scanning the QR code.



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This newsletter is published every other month. The deadline for the August issue is 11 July.

## VILLAGE CENTRE GETS NEW DIGITAL HUB

The Village Centre now has a fully-featured ‘Digital Hub’ thanks to a Digital Inclusion Wales Innovation Grant of some £10,500 from the Welsh Government.



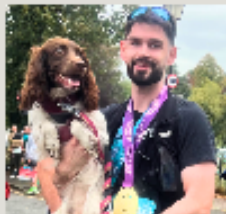
Located in what was previously a storeroom, the Hub provides highspeed connectivity, modern audiovisual and videoconferencing equipment, and accessibility adaptations such as hearing loops.

Residents will be able to attend online appointments, access digital public services, participate in training and learning, and engage in community and civic activities without needing to rely on home internet or personal equipment.

The Hub will also support local charities, community groups and small businesses by providing an inclusive space for hybrid meetings, webinars, and digital skills sessions.

Details of events and - where appropriate - hire charges will be provided in the coming months.

Many thanks to Village Centre Committee chair Dave Jolly, whose vision and hard work have made this innovative project possible.



## Do you know the difference between ISAs?

One of the most commonly known tax allowances is the ISA allowance, but knowing the difference between ISAs, and how each could work for you can be very helpful when planning ahead. Across all ISAs you can save up to £20,000 annually (for 2026/27) tax-efficiently. Note, from April 2027 there is a cap of £12,000 into a Cash ISA for under 65s - the rest must be put into a Stocks & Shares ISA if you wish to use the full allowance.

**Cash ISA** - A tax-free savings account.

**Stocks & Shares ISA** - An investment account that lets you buy assets free from Income or Capital Gains Tax.

**Lifetime ISA (LISA)** - A long-term ISA for ages 18-39 that offers a 25% government bonus on savings used for a first home or retirement.

**Junior ISA (JISA)** - A tax-free savings or tax-efficient investment account for under-18s that is managed by a parent or guardian until the child turns 18.

If you would like to discuss your financial plan in more depth, please feel free to contact me on [adam.tilston@sjpp.co.uk](mailto:adam.tilston@sjpp.co.uk) or say hello if you spot me!

*Adam*

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