



ABERHAFESP

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2019 Edition

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 7pm

SPORTS EVENING (see details below)

SATURDAY 27th APRIL 7.30pm



**ITALIAN THEMED MEAL &
QUIZ** (tickets £12.50 per person)

SATURDAY 11th MAY 10am

COFFEE MORNING (proceeds going towards the upkeep of our Community Centre)

SUNDAY LUNCH 21st JULY

CELEBRATION (Details tbc)

SPORTS EVENING

**The Annual Community Sports Evening
Wednesday 10th April 7pm.**

Teams are invited from Aberhafesp Community Association, Young Farmers Club, Short Mat Bowls, Women's Institute, St. Gwynog's Church, and Rhydfelin Chapel.

Games will comprise of:

Table Tennis, Kurling, Darts, Bowls and a Board Game.

The winning team will be presented with the Sports Shield.

Come along as a player or spectator

and enjoy an evening of new opportunities that our Sport's grant has provided.

The evening will conclude with light refreshments.

For further information contact Trevor and Corris on 01686 626213.

Celebrating
40 *years*

Sunday 21st JULY

Anniversary lunch to celebrate the opening of the Community Centre. More details to be announced nearer the day.

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

The hall has been kept busy during the post Christmas lull. Monday mornings have been popular, with an amazing crocheted bag in the shape of a horse being made including racing plates. Table tennis has kept up its popularity and we now have music and darts to enjoy on Friday evenings.

The coffee morning on February 23rd in aid of the Wales Air Ambulance Service, was a wonderful success, raising £500. Elaine Benbow said it was her best cake stall ever, which was enhanced by her daffodil napkins. Thank you to everyone for your great support, and many donations. We do hope you enjoyed it too.



THANK YOU to Matthew Vaughan a Wales Ambulance Service technician and his colleagues who kindly gave their time on Sunday 24th February, in the Community Centre to give approximately 20 people a very useful and informative training and refresher course on how to use a defibrillator.

You will see from the obligatory notice below that we have applied for a yearly licence for the hall, mainly to save us filling in a long form for every event, it is also more economical, and will give us more flexibility.

Immediate neighbours, please don't worry, we are not planning on having masses of parties etc. every week – things should go on much as they do now.

NOTE: When organising events over the past few years, the committee have made decisions about the type of entertainment they consider appropriate. It is hoped that you have all enjoyed their choices but would be pleased to receive any feedback and suggestions of entertainment you would like for future events. Please contact a member of the committee so your ideas can be discussed.

Have a very HAPPY EASTER. Maddy Thornton.

LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

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| Name of Applicant: Aberhafesp Community Centre Committee | Name and address of premises Aberhafesp Community Aberhafesp, Newtown, Powys, SY16 3HT |
| Address of Licensing Authority The Licensing Officer Powys County Council Neuadd Maldwyn, Severn Road, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 7AS | Representation about this application must be made in writing to the Licensing Authority at the address opposite by <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 100px;">16th April 2019</div> |

Nature of Application

New Premises Licence Application

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| Sale of Alcohol | Mon to Sun 10.00 – 02.00 |
| Live music | Mon to Sun 10.00 – 00.00 |
| Recorded Music | Mon to Sun 10.00 – 01.00 |
| Performance of Dance | Mon to Sun 10.00 – 01.00 |
| Plays and Films | Mon to Sun 10.00 – 01.00 |
| Late Night Refreshment | Mon to Sun 23.00 – 05.00 |

All Licensable activities are indoors only

Signed.....Applicant)
Date.....

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION. THE MAXIMUM FINE ON CONVICTION IS £5000

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have started the year on an encouraging note by welcoming two new members. Edward Parry was our first speaker of the year, stepping in at the last minute, but as always, gave us an interesting informative talk and slide show. In February, we had a demonstration of Caribbean Cookery given by Heather Cockcroft. A bowl of spicy chicken curry on a cold, wet winter night was very welcome. Andrew Turner was our speaker in March telling us about the history of Morris Marshall and Poole. This is a company familiar to us all but we discovered how little we knew of it's origins. Andrew brought along many old photographs and copies of the County Times from way back – a nostalgic evening for many of us. Our sports season ended with us achieving third place in the county competition for the sports shield. A new season has already begun with us gaining fourth places in Badminton and Short Tennis and we have a team taking part in the county Darts Tournament. Here is our programme for the rest of the year. We try to make it as varied as possible with something for everyone. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Community Centre. You will be very welcome to come along one evening, have a cup of tea and chat and see what is on offer.

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| April 4th | Tufty Stuff Recycling with Textiles |
| May 2 nd | Funky Dance Session |
| June 6th | Day trip (destination yet to be decided) |
| July 4th | Talk on Type 1 & 2 diabetes (how to recognise the symptoms) |
| August | No meeting |
| September 5th | Visit to Leighton Stud |
| October 3 rd | Illustrated talk "Wildflower Meadows" |
| November 7 th | AGM + Crackpots – paint your own Pottery |
| December 5 th | Feel Good and Look Good |

Elaine Benbow Tel: 01686 625586

YOUNG FARMERS

Since Christmas we have been preparing our entertainment which was performed on the Theatre Hafren stage in February. This time we joined with Dolfor YFC as they didn't have enough people to do it themselves. As a joint club we did a fantastic show entitled "Family Album". Sadly, we didn't have any individual awards but overall we came 5th which is great. We would like to say a massive thanks to Hazel Williams our producer, and to the people from the community who supported us. We also repeated the performance at Cefn Lea with Mochdr, Penstrowed and Llanbadarn. Throughout this year we will have more events in the community and hope to see local people coming along to have a laugh. We will keep you informed of our plans.

Lora Gethin 07342984900

SHORT MAT BOWLS

A busy and enjoyable season is now drawing to a close. We belong to the Sir Drefaldwyn Short Mat Bowls League (previously the Tregynon League) comprising of clubs from Dolfor, Sarn, Bettws and Carno and we ended the season as runners up, narrowly beaten by Bettws. Our club hosted the Singles competition for the League in November, a long day, but enjoyed by all who took part.

We have teams taking part in the Finals Day on 30th March in Carno and our League Presentation evening takes place in Dolfor on 13th April.

COUNCIL NEWS

Quoiting Beds. During the January meeting it was decided to sell this land in Bwlch-y-frydd. It will be coming up for sale in the very near future, monies raised will be put into a trust fund, to be spent on local projects and clubs. The final details of this have yet to be discussed.

Institute land at Bwlch-y-ffridd. It has been decided to leave this as a carpark for residents and visitors to use.

County Lines & Cuckooing.

Our local County Councillor Heulwen Hulme recently attended an event in Newtown, hosted by Newtown Police regarding organised crime gangs coming into the area with a clear aim of setting up drug outlets.

Cllr. Hulme has compiled a report which is very detailed and can be found on the [Aberhafesp website News page](#), but please note, some residents may find the report rather disturbing.

COUNCIL HISTORY

This is the second instalment of the potted version of the workings of your local Community Council written by Jean Morgan, the Clerk to the Council for many years (continued from the January 2019 issue).

In October 1977 the mains water supply was discussed for the Bethel area, and in April 1978 the first move to extend the churchyard was considered and at the same meeting the Council agreed that all old books relating to the Parish kept by the late clerk, Fr. Rogers to be deposited at the National Library of Wales for safe keeping.

In September 1978 the Council decided to finance street lights in both the Aberhafesp and Bwlch-y-ffridd areas.

In January 1980 Mr. Percy Davies, treasurer of Aberhafesp Reserve Account and Jubilee Fund attended a meeting to agree the transfer of the £120 to the Centre funds.

September 1980 saw the purchase of directional road signs for the Community Centre, a storage shed for the use of organisations, and commemorative plaque for the opening of the Centre by Mr. J.W Jones former Headmaster and Councillor, on July 11th 1979.

In 1981 it was agreed to finance a handrail between school and centre and a contribution of £50 was made towards a strimmer for Aberhafesp Church.

In 1983 the proposed sale of the Parish Room was discussed with mixed feeling expressed by various members of the community. A planning application for the siting of chalets in Disqwilfa Wood was rejected and eventually the issue went to a public inquiry - the Inspector upheld the Council's objections and the application was refused. A proposed airfield at Red House, Caersws was the focal point and a matter of great concern at a public meeting held in January 1986 with representatives of various interested parties attending. In 1986 a further donation of £50 towards mowers for both Aberhafesp Church and Rhydfelin Chapel. Funds were also made available for the erection of a public notice board at the Community Centre and in 1987 a donation of £400 to the Centre for a play area. In 1988 the retirement of Mrs. Nutting as sub postmistress at Bwlch-y-ffridd saw the end of an era - with that facility no longer available.

The arrival of the 90's saw an increase of items to be considered, especially appeals for financial support, planning applications and highway matters due to vast increase in traffic. Mr. & Mrs Powell kindly donated land to extend the Churchyard, the hedge was partially removed to assist visibility and a mirror erected to help vehicles leaving Church Lane, but this had to be continually replaced due to theft. The maintenance of the Churchyard is now undertaken by people from various parts of the Parish. A street light was provided outside the school grounds and a donation of £250 towards Aberhafesp School producing a prospectus to be distributed in the catchment area. Speed restriction signs were arranged through Bwlch-y-ffridd and a memorial to the air crew who died on a training mission in this Parish in the war was placed at Aberhafesp Church. The V.E. Day celebrations had been a successful, tasteful event with various organizations contributing.

The 1990's also saw the change in Local Government to a New Unitary authority with local Shire committees and the introduction of the Welsh Assembly. The planting of daffodils in the area is to welcome visitors to our area. Extra support for the Community centre of a total of £180 per year, together with £65 each year towards producing a newsletter have also recently been approved. The precept claimed each year by the Community council is kept as low as possible to prevent too much hardship on the local electorate. Each financial year the Councils resources are stretched due to expenditure estimated by Powys County Council for our recent Community Council Elections of up to £600 and commemorative items for the young people of the Parish for the forthcoming Millennium, and of course the ongoing appeals.



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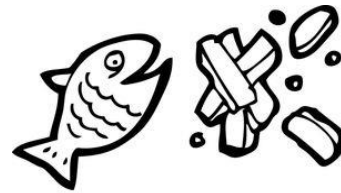
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LOCAL HISTORY

Television reception at the Pentre by Brian Poole

Television commenced just before the Second World War in the London area but was suspended during the conflict. Details are from memory so they may not be exact. A giant mast was erected at Crystal Palace after the war, so the service commenced with BBC. A further mast at Sutton Coldfield for the Midlands commenced so east Wales was just able to get a picture. Blaenplwyf transmitter near Aberystwyth was placed in 1957. TV received a huge boost with the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953. ITV commenced in the mid-1950s and BBC2 followed in 1962. The problem for the Welsh valleys was that the signal was very distorted. Newtown solved the problem by having a cable service called Wrights Radio with their workshop office just off Severn Square. Their successors traded until around 2015 when customer switch made the system uneconomic. A radio mast for emergencies (police, ambulance, fire, doctors, vets) had been placed on the Llandinam Hill at Bryn Gwyn, and around 1976 a TV booster from Blaenplwyf was placed. These masts can be viewed from areas of Aberhafesp parish. The TV reception was now solved for Caersws and much of Aberhafesp. The reception was ok at Red House to the east and Rhydlydan to the west but the Pentre was in the shadow of the salient projection of Penstrowed hill and quarry so reception was poor. We moved from Caersws to new build at Hillcrest to the third house on site in 1971. There must have been a further eight houses by 1976 as well as the Hall and the conversion of farm buildings.

A group decided on self-help. We only had to climb 300 yards toward Brynypentre wood for good reception. We therefore placed an aerial at the top of the fields of Sam 'the lodge' and dug a shallow trench alongside the fence line to place a cable to bring the service down in the village so an adequate reception was available. I assume the cable, now long redundant, is still underground coming down the field. Regional services commenced with BBC Wales and Harlech TV. The story was complex for Wales with the Welsh language so S4C commenced in 1982. My wife, Mair, was interviewed with the then 4-year-old son, Emyr, at the forecourt of Emrys's garage in both Welsh and English plus several of the then elderly ladies in 1974. The BBC interviewer was Eifion Lloyd Jones. No one had any idea of TV programmes including the popular soaps such as Coronation Street but knew the radio Archers. These older ladies would have valued the BBC radio services during the war, the Home Service and the Light Programme as the Third Programme did not commence until 1948. The TV interview for the 1974 programme was to emphasise the inadequate reception in many pockets of Wales. The same controversy is still with us today with mobile phone reception. The current system at home is Free Sat with over 100 channels but we only tune in to BBC Wales, 2, 4, ITV Wales, Channel 4 and S4C. There are adult channels that commence at 10pm but this lad now in his 83rd year is fast asleep long before midnight. Many others purchase Sky TV especially for sport. There is now a plethora of choice in the Pentre compared with zero in 1970.



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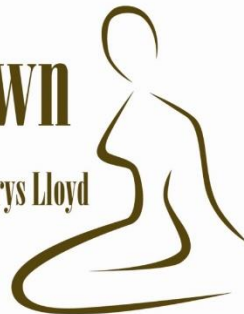
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RHYDFELIN CHAPEL

Come join our young people to an **Easter Workshop** on Saturday, 13th April 2019 from 10am to 1pm. Make your own Easter basket, cards plus other crafts and to conclude with an Easter Egg hunt.

A very warm welcome is extended to all who wish to attend the following services at Rydfelin:

| Date | Time | Minister | | Date | Time | Minister | |
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| 7 th April | 2.30pm | Rev. Meredith Powell | Communion Service | 26 th May | 2.30pm | Mr. William Powell | |
| 13 th April | 10am-1pm | | Easter Workshop | 2 nd June | 2.30pm | Rev. Meredith Powell | Communion Service |
| 14 th April | 2.30pm | Rev. Penny Berkill | | 9 th June | 2.30pm | Rev. Malcolm Caroll | |
| 21 st April | 2.30pm | Rev. Alison Gwalchmai | Easter Sunday | 16 th June | 2.30pm | Service taken by our young people and followed by tea | Anniversary Service |
| 28 th April | 2.30pm | Rev. Jenny Gerrard | | 16 th June | 6.00pm | | Sankey Evening |
| 5 th May | 2.30pm | Rev. Meredith Powell | Communion Service | 30 th June | 2.30pm | Rev. Maggie Rich | Joint Community Service |
| 12 th May | 2.30pm | Mr. Gwynfryn Evans | | | | | |

MOTHERS UNION

Two Corrections:

Meetings are held on the **3rd THURSDAY** of the month (February to September) at 3:00pm in the church room at St. Gwynog's Church.

NOT the 3rd WEDNESDAY.

There is **No meeting** in August.

It is the **19th September** meeting that is a **Talk and Tea by Rev. Dr. Peter & Mrs. Pike.**

April 18th
May 16th

Christine Cooper Lent Service
Maggie Allen Open Doors - Persecution of Christians

ST GWYNOG'S CHURCH

Services: These will take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 9.30am except for Easter Sunday which will be at 9.15am. Also, on Wednesday mornings we hold a short service at 10.30am in the church room. On the 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday it is a Morning Prayer and on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday it is Holy Communion.

Snowdrop Teas: a big thank you to Christine and her team for the great success of these events. Three very enjoyable afternoons were held in January & February. Thank you too for all the generous donations which were given by our visitors towards the JJ Nshumi school in Uganda. A total of £455 was given, so the church increased this to £500 and a cheque has already been sent. A letter of thanks has been received from Bethan & Horace in Uganda to say that together with other money received they have been able to almost complete three small rooms. They do amazing work in Uganda and as a community we are pleased to be able to help.

Coffee Shop: This is proving a popular venue on the 1st Saturday of the month 10am-12noon. Thanks to all who visit from the community, it is a great place to catch up with friends.

Mozambique Cyclone Disaster. We are having a collection for this disaster on 7th April which we hope will enable us to forward a cheque to help the whole area affected. The pictures on television have been quite distressing. We are so lucky to be living in this wonderful part of Wales. If anyone wishes to contribute to this fund please contact **Peter or Pam on 627959. We now have a Facebook page**

NHS futurefit

Securing the future of hospital services for people in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and **mid Wales**. Now that a decision has been made the £312m on offer from the Government can be used to develop both hospital sites to provide state of the art facilities in which staff will be proud to work and patients will choose to be treated. No change will happen straight away – it will take around 5-6 years before the changes are fully implemented. See the [New Future Fit leaflet](#) which highlights the benefits to patients.

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SEASONS (by Jan Griffiths)

SPRING is a time of rebirth
Crocuses colourful in the grass,
Daffs bursting out yellow by the roadside,
Birds carrying twigs to make a nest.
SUMMER is warm, blue and carefree,
Light pretty clothes and bare feet,
Running through the long grass laughing,
Sitting by a waterfall watching the glistening drops,
AUTUMN is golden leaves and hollyhocks,
Hedgehogs burrowing into the undergrowth,
Swallows and swifts father to fly away,
Darker nights come sooner to keep us scurrying home,
WINTER is a time the earth sleeps and heals,
To begin again its glorious cycle of colour.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of this newsletter will be published in July 2019. I need your email addresses and more advertisements please. Submit any material to the Editor (mbedworth@gmail.com) no later than the **20th June**.