



ABERHAFESP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CENTRE

COMMUNITY ALERT

WE ARE NO LONGER SPRING CHICKENS!

I'm inviting you to visit any of our committee meetings on the third Thursday in each month at 7.00pm as we do need to line up new members for the future. At our AGMs in the last few years nobody has come forward to offer to take over the three main offices, ie, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. We do need to line up new ones now. I've now done over 6 years as Chairman, and I am 82, Edward Parry the same, plus 3 years as Chairman, and 79. In the past Joan Michel has done more as secretary than either of us, and is a bit younger! Please don't get me wrong; we really love doing these jobs, and there is nothing better than seeing everyone chatting and enjoying themselves at the coffee mornings and other functions, and we all get on well together.

However, the ultimate thing to happen if we cannot get a new committee, and were unable to carry on, would be that the hall would have to close, and that would be a tragedy, and a great loss to the community. "The Girls" - our marvellous caterers and managers, could do with some apprentices too!

The hall is in great shape, as everyone who comes in to cater for funeral teas etc says, and its facilities some of the best in the area. As Eric Franklin said to me, sagely, several years ago, "If we ever let the hall go, in years to come they will be saying, wouldn't it be nice if we had a village hall!" So how about taking on these worthwhile and enjoyable jobs, we need your help,- so does the hall, and so does the community.

THANK YOU! *Maddy Thornton.*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 8TH
TICKETS £10
7.00pm for 7.30pm
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A warm space to meet and chat

2nd and 4th Friday of each month (subject to occasional change)

(October dates 14th & 28th)



A CHRISTMAS EVENT IS BEING PLANNED FOR

DECEMBER 3rd

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

COMMUNITY CENTRE

FINANCE ALERT

This winter we shall need your support more than ever. Due to the pandemic, we have had far less going on in the hall than usual, and consequently have had far less income. As a charity, the only income for the hall's upkeep has to be made by our own efforts, apart from donations from the community council, and occasional private contributions. Joan Michel has been marvellous at getting grants for us, both during and after the pandemic, which have been instrumental in keeping us going, and keeping an emergency fund.

The fuel expenses will be greater this winter and £2000 plus worth of oil has just been put into the tank. The electricity bill is expected to be large. The annual insurance bill is £1500, and we have various essential annual inspections, which cost money, such as P.A.T. testing for all the electrical equipment, fire alarms and emergency lighting, equipment for putting out fires etc. We are responsible for all repairs needed at the hall which is why we have to keep our emergency funds. We have been able to donate a great deal to other charities in the past, but sadly for now this will not be possible.

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NOW BACK TO NORMALITY

This has been an interesting summer, with the suffocating heat and lack of rain, and I must thank those who managed to keep the flowers going at the front, by constant watering; Glenys, Christine and Margaret Pugh.

Thank goodness that our Queen was able to enjoy her Jubilee, and was able to see in what love and esteem she was held. We all loved her Paddington Bear sketch – she would have made a great actress! It is so hard to believe that someone so vital has now gone, and we shall miss her.

Following our Jubilee celebrations in the hall Jean Jones, who made the giant cake, received a lovely letter from Louise Childs, Charity Administrator of The Lingen Davies suite at Shrewsbury hospital, as follows, “A huge thank you for raising the wonderful sum of £88.50p from your “guess the weight of the cake” competition. Please send our thanks to all who were involved with donating and supporting our charity, we rely heavily on community support to allow us to further invest into new projects, and your donation will help us to do that.” The Lingen Davies brochure has been put up in the foyer.

On Saturday, Sept. 17th, we held a coffee morning to help boost the hall funds. We had four lovely raffle prizes which Marilyn received from Tesco, so thanks to them and thanks to all for such a good attendance. John Williams’ stall was excellent as usual, and we had a good supply of cakes and produce, and also the Goughs’ Bramley apples, the bacon butties were as good as ever, and we raised a wonderful £325!

We have our Harvest Supper coming up on the 8th October, and the tickets are going well. Anyone else who would like one, please contact me. *Maddy Thornton. Edward Parry & Joan Michel.*



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COMMUNITY CENTRE HIRE

If you are arranging a family event, children's party, funeral tea, or a meeting, our community centre building is available for hire. Local residents are also able to hire tables and chairs for private off site functions. There is a fully functioning kitchen and a sound system which includes a hearing loop. Booking forms for the hall are available from: Graham Green 01686 651225 graham.green2@btinternet.com We also have an 8x4mtr marquee and a 6x3mtr gazebo for hire for off site private functions.

For details and booking forms contact: Nigel Hamer 01686 650702
nigelhamer68@hotmail.com

GAME CHANGE PROJECT

New Funding Helps Teenagers Thrive.

The Game Change Project – a local non profit organisation, recently celebrated the achievements of its young participants at an annual BBQ and Awards evening in Aberhafesp. Over the past year, more than 70 teenagers have attended life skills programmes run by the project incorporating skills like mechanics, digger driving, equine handling, animal care, team work and problem solving. Young people who had shown outstanding qualities such as dedication, responsibility, enthusiasm and determination were awarded medals and trophies as their proud parents, grandparents and teachers looked on.



Thanks to a 3 year grant from The National Lottery Community Fund, the project will be expanding to offer more courses for local teenagers to gain experience and learn essential skills whilst having fun. For more information, or if you would like to get involved with the project please contact Sian at gamechangeproject@gmail.com mobile 0776660627 for details. Left to right....Justin Martin, Taylen Rogers, Tristan Jones, Zander O'Connor-Lowe & Andrew Evans presenting awards.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Aberhafesp Community Council covers the area of Aberhafesp, Bwlch-y-Fridd, Bethel and Rhyd-y-Felin.

A Community Council is governed by the Local Government Act of 1972. Here in Aberhafesp it consists of seven Councillors who sign a Declaration of Office and work on a voluntary basis for the good of the whole community. They are supported by a clerk who is employed to ensure the correct procedures are enforced and the smooth running of the Council in general.

Meetings are held on a **Wednesday evening in the Community centre**, and members of the public can attend any meeting, unless otherwise specified.

Notice of each meeting

is displayed for three clear days giving the date, the time, and the agenda.

They are posted on the notice boards at Bwlch-y-Fridd, Hillcrest Aberhafesp, the Community Centre and the telephone kiosk in Bethel.

Details of meetings can also be found on the Community Council [Facebook page](#) and the **Community Council website**

You can access the latest *County Councillor monthly reports* as well as current *County planning applications*, where you can enter comments to support or object.

The decisions made at a meeting and also the attendees are posted on the website within a week of a meeting. The full minutes of meetings are only posted on the website after they have been approved by the Community Council which takes place at the start of the following meeting. For example minutes from a meeting in July would be approved in August, if a meeting was held then.

If you have an item you wish to add to the agenda please contact the clerk Rachel Hamer rachel.hamer72@hotmail.com. 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting is allocated for members of the public to ask questions or comment on anything on the agenda. Please contact the clerk with any questions before the meeting so that an answer can be prepared, otherwise we may not be able to give an answer until the following meeting. Come and just watch if you have an interest in anything on the agenda, or if you have anything you wish to bring to the attention of the council.

ST GWYNOG'S CHURCH

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our sadness at her passing is only tempered by the celebration of the long and extraordinary life of a Queen and a countrywoman. A book of Remembrance will remain in the church until the end of this month.

Services continue at St Gwynog's on the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month at 9.00am & 9.30am respectively. We also hold a midweek service at 11.00am on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. Morning Prayer on the 2nd & Holy Communion on the 4th with Nia. All are welcome.

Harvest will be celebrated on Sunday 30th October with an afternoon tea at 3.30pm to which all are invited. There will be a joint service at 2.30pm with Rhydfelin. The guest preacher is Archdeacon Barry Wilson. If coming to the tea please let us know so that we can cater for you all.

Fair Trade Coffee Mornings & Shop continue to be popular & we are grateful to our helpers and all who support us on the first Saturday of each month. All the profits of this venture go to charity either local or further afield. We recently sent a donation to the DEC Appeal for the Pakistan Flood disaster.

Eco Church. We are grateful to Pat & Lynne who have kindly agreed to look after the bird boxes & note their progress. We need to register with the British Trust for Ornithology & check on the boxes every couple of weeks and we look forward to updating you in due course.

Remembrance Sunday. We will be holding our usual outdoor service of Remembrance on Sunday 13th November. We will meet at 10.30am in the porch so that we can walk down to the War Memorial in time for the 2 minute silence at 11.00am. All welcome. There will be coffee served at 10.00am if you wish to come earlier.

Grass cutting. A big thank you to all who have helped to cut the grass & made the churchyard look so tidy!

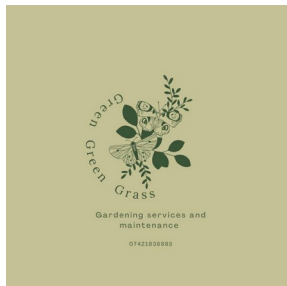
Welcoming Horace and Bethan. It was a joy to welcome Horace and Bethan to St Gwynog's Church at the end of July and to hear their latest news of the JJ School and college in Uganda which they set up and support. It is an amazing story of a very brave and committed young couple who live a life of service to others. They are indeed true disciples of Jesus Christ. Thank you to all who came and gave generously towards the school and college. And thank you to all who provided the wonderful tea and to James & Eleri for volunteering to help with the serving. It was good to know that they enjoyed learning about the school and college.

Diolch i bawb a ddaeth ac am eich cyfraniad / Thanks to all who came and for your generosity.

YOUNG FARMERS

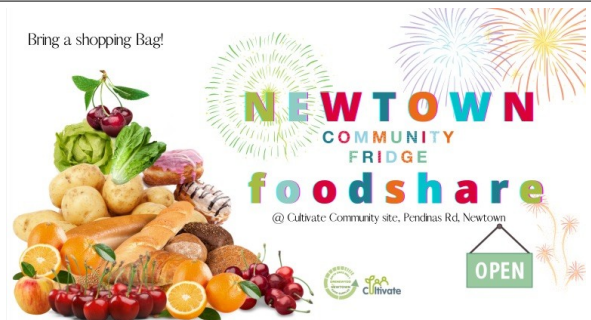
A new committee was appointed at the recent AGM. Chair: Ben Evans, Vice Chair: Jamie Owen, Secretary: Ruby Grigg. We played football against Tregynon YFC on the 21st September, and the new members evening was held on Wednesday 28th. There are many more exciting activities planned for the year. If you are interested in joining us contact Ruby on Rubygrigg23005@icloud.com. See our [Facebook page](#)

From Myfanwy Alexander: This is a message for anyone who is considering sending their child to YFC this year and is not sure. First, you do not have to come from a farming background but the movement does provide a great perspective on life in the wonderful countryside we all share. The opportunities are vast, for learning, travelling, competing and just having fun. As a movement which is run by the members, YFC helps young people to develop into responsible citizens. Teamwork comes as standard, as does giving of your best under pressure. And, to be brutally frank, it is the most cost effective way to build your child's CV for University entrance or the world of work. The presentation skills you learn through debating, drama and leading your club make youngsters with a good YFC pedigree competitive with the products of private schools. Give your child a nudge in the direction of the best youth movement in the world. If there is anyone who wants to know more about what YFC can provide for the young members of their family, I'm always up for a cheeky coffee and a chat. *Contact Myfanwy: 07971549110*



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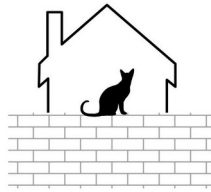
OUR STORY

We started at the end of October 2021 with our first food share operating from our cabin on the Cultivate Community site in Newtown. This quickly grew to two food shares a week whilst also supporting local community groups like Newtown Community Cafe. With a team of 30+ enthusiastic committed volunteers we collect 7 days a week from several supermarkets.

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MOTHERS UNION

This year, 2022, has turned out to be another challenging year for Aberhafesp Mothers' Union group since only three of its planned monthly meetings have been held.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 17th March 2022. Pam Thompson presented the MU Report for 2021 in which she acknowledged how difficult 2021 had been.

A meeting was held after the AGM during which some details of 2022 MU meetings were discussed.

Janet Edwards gave a very interesting talk about her work in job centres and a fraud office when she worked for the Department of Social Security.

On April 21st 2022, Stephanie Benbow – a member of Aberhafesp Mothers' Union – led the meeting and also gave an interesting and informative illustrated presentation about her work in Albania. She described her incredible journey under difficult circumstances to provide equipment and supplies to lots of children with mobility difficulties and to give support to their families.

During the Summer months that followed, no meeting or annual Summer outing took place but after the customary month without a meeting in August, our MU group met again on Thursday 15th September 2022. After a short Act of Worship and a business meeting we had a talk by Doreen Dean in which she shared some of her memories of being involved in the Mothers' Union. Her experiences involved an active, lengthy and sociable mix of roles that provided many interesting stories. Aberhafesp MU will follow the usual pattern and not have monthly meetings during the Autumn and Winter 2022/23.

There will be the Annual Wave of Prayer in Cedewain Mission Area in November. Details will be available nearer the time.

Anyone interested in joining Aberhafesp Mothers' Union group would be very welcome.

Barbara Moelwyn-Williams: Aberhafesp Mothers' Union Committee Member.
Tel: 01686 627329

Raise4Ron



The amazing fun event that took place at the Seasons Cafe field in Caersws on 23rd July raised a total of
£14,596.23p
for Hope House charity

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our meetings continue to be well attended and it was pleasing to see so many at our July meeting when Edward Parry took us on a "Cruise down the Rhine". He showed us slides of many places he had visited, describing the architecture and telling us of their history. To travel along such a beautiful river on a cruise ship would be such a relaxing way to see this part of Europe and we were encouraged by Edward to do just that. On 24th July our Vice President Maddy Thornton opened her garden to raise funds for our W.I. We had set out tables and chairs for visitors to enjoy afternoon tea after their walk around the garden, but the weather did not oblige. We must have chosen the only wet Sunday in the whole of the hottest summer for many years! We managed to dodge the wind and rain to have a brief walk around the garden and we are very grateful to Maddy for allowing us to serve tea and cakes indoors. However, the weather had not deterred the visitors and a good get together was enjoyed by all. Many thanks Maddy from us all. After our summer break we were delighted to welcome back so many of our members to our September meeting. We were treated to a very interesting talk by Jemma Esvelt from the Powysland Museum in Welshpool. She brought along many items of clothing particularly undergarments and told us how ladies fashion had evolved over the years especially during and after the reign of Queen Victoria who purchased some of her clothing from the first mail order catalogue pioneered by Pryce Jones Royal Welsh Warehouse. Our monthly competitions are well supported and especially that night when members brought along many beautiful family photographs showing clothes from the past.



Our sporting ladies continue to take part in county events, the most recent being the Outdoor Bowls held at Kerry in July. We entered two teams with Jean Jones and Joyce Owen coming away with first place and a handsome silver cup. Two teams played in the Croquet competition and we are looking forward to taking part in Short Mat Bowls and Kurling in October.

Pic. Aberhafesp winning the County Sports Shield for the first time.

Some of our members will be taking to the stage when we hope to perform an item for a "Festive Shorts" County W.I. evening in November.

We are a very active W.I. and we offer a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us at any of our meetings which are held at the Community Centre in Aberhafesp on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. *Elaine Benbow President 01686 625586*

October 6 th	Traders of the Lost Art	Chris Dickinson	Comp: A picture, any medium, anything you have created by painting, drawing, stitching or collage.
November 3 rd	Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust	Dave Lewis	Comp: Flower arrangement for Bonfire night
December 1st	Chocolate Making	Lori of Coco Pzazz	Competition: Dish of home made sweets

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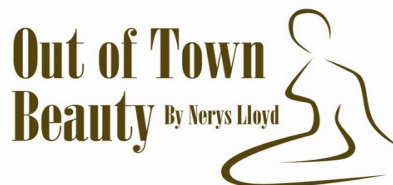
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