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ABERHAFESP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2022

From the Editor: What a wonderful **Jubilee Bank Holiday** in Aberhafesp. A large crowd gathered for the beacon lighting and then approximately 100 people attended our tea party in the Community centre. A donation from the Community Council helped us provide a free tea party and Morrisons supermarket in Newtown donated some plants to make the entrance to the Community Centre very colourful. We are very lucky to have so many willing volunteers in our village who always manage to 'come up trumps' on this type of occasions. Thank you to Philip Curnow for the wonderful photos taken at both events. Well done everyone.



You can see all of Philip's 50 photos on [Facebook](#)

ABERHAFESP COMMUNITY CENTRE OUR JUBILANT JUBILEE

On Thursday, June 2nd, we had our own beacon, high on the hill at Ffrwdwen, set up by Steve Pryce – many thanks to him. Alwyn Nutting played first the National Anthem, and then the Welsh Anthem, on his trumpet. They sounded very haunting in the stillness and gathering darkness. Then, as if by magic, nibbles and drinks appeared, also tables and chairs, and we all enjoyed it so much – a memorable tribute to the Queen.

On Saturday afternoon, June 4th, it was time for the tea. After a fitting grace, given by Peter Pike, in a hall decorated with bunting and flags, at two long tables, we enjoyed a marvellous tea: a repast worthy of the Ritz. Thanks to all of you who made cakes, vol au vents, and other goodies, and those who made sandwiches. The whole thing was organised by Glenys Pryce and Margaret Pugh, and the tables looked wonderful – a very special “street party”.

The star of the show was a large fruit cake, made by Jean Jones, which had a smaller sponge on top, made to look like a crown. She and Glenys carried it up and down the hall, and for 50p, invited us to guess the weight.

I guessed the weight of one Jack Russell, but I was so wrong – it was two Jack Russells – 28lbs. 2ozs, I think!

During tea, we had a competition for the best decorated hat, judged by Bernice Jones, aided by husband Michael. The winner was Glenys Pryce, who won a silver cup, and the chance to cut Jean’s cake. Second was Doreen Lloyd, who won an engraved slate coaster, and third was Marilyn Bedworth, who won a medallion. Michael finished by making a lovely speech.

The two anthems were played, this time by Gwyneth Jones on the piano, and we all sang with gusto.

The excellent day continued later with an evening barbecue, provided by the Young Farmers, with salads – delicious! The day was much enhanced by Nigel and Rachel Hamer, who kept the bar open all day, ensuring a very jolly atmosphere. Many thanks to them.

Aberhafesp certainly pulled out all the stops to make this a marvellous, and definitely jubilant, Jubilee celebration, and I’m sure our remarkable Queen would have approved wholeheartedly of the days in her honour – certainly a week we shall all remember. *Maddy Thornton*

COMMUNITY CENTRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 21ST JULY 7PM

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HELP: A message from Ronnie's mother. "I am wondering if anyone could help me, we are planning a cake stall at our Party and wonder if anyone would be willing to donate a few cakes to sell on the day. My email address is alicebirch321@hotmail.com"

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Fair Trade Coffee Mornings and Shop. These continue to be popular and we are grateful to all who support us on the first Saturday of each month. All profits of this venture go to charity either local or further afield. Our thanks to Christine for originally wanting to provide a coffee shop for the community – it has certainly taken off in a big way!

Eco Church. We are making slow progress with this and as yet we have been unable to get anyone to look after the boxes and note their progress. We need to register with the British Trust for Ornithology and check on the boxes every couple of weeks. If someone is prepared to take on this task please contact 07710438203 for details. Thank you.

Janet Edwards. We wish Janet all the best for the future following her move to be nearer her son and his family in the Stoke area. Janet was a dedicated secretary to the Church committee for 10 years and also led the 'Happy Circle' group for 5 years. We recently discovered that she was also a School Governor. Janet has asked that we convey her thanks for all the friendship and support she and Roy received during their 25 years at Aberhafesp. We shall all miss her.

Platinum Jubilee celebrations. On Pentecost Sunday Nia led a special service to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee followed by a Buck's fizz breakfast with bacon and sausage baps. This brought to a close a few days of celebrations which started with the lighting of a beacon on Thursday evening. The weather fortunately stayed fine for all the events although it was a little cold at times!

Harvest. We will be hosting a Harvest afternoon tea at St Gwynog's church at 3.30pm on the 30th October, to which you are all warmly invited. Prior to the tea we will be hosting a joint Harvest Service at 2.30pm with Rhydfelin Chapel to which you are all welcome. (If coming to the tea please can you let us know for catering purposes).

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It was subscription time in April. Our treasurer had a busy evening and after everyone had “paid up” we now have 24 members. Our members have remained loyal through these difficult times, and where some WIs have folded through lack of support we have maintained our membership with an average attendance of 17 at our monthly meetings. We were treated to a very entertaining speaker at our April meeting. Mrs. Eleri Williams told us about the history and traditions of the Welsh costume. How the clothing was made of wool for practicality and to support the woollen industry, with each region having it's own variation. She also brought along the high stove hat and bonnet. There was a change of venue for our May meeting due to the Community Centre being used for the local elections. We are very grateful to St. Gwynog's church for allowing us to use the church room. Our speaker was Sharon Smith who demonstrated an old and traditional way of weaving the wool from her rare breed sheep on her peg loom, making useful articles for the home such as seat covers and mats. In June we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by going out for lunch to Maesmawr Hall Hotel, where we had a delicious meal, a long leisurely lunch enjoyed by all. Later on that evening we went up to Ffrwdwen for the lighting of the Jubilee beacon. It was a busy few days with some of our members helping to prepare the Jubilee tea at the Community Centre on Saturday afternoon. Our member Glenys Pryce won the best decorated hat competition and had the privilege of cutting the celebration cake made by Jean Jones, another of our members. Our sports ladies have had a successful year which has culminated in Aberhafesp winning the County Sports Shield for the first time. We were “over the moon” to receive it from Mrs Ann Jones the National WI chair at the annual county meeting. We were also thrilled to be presented with a cup for achieving third place in the Literary Eisteddfod. Next event on the sporting calendar is the outdoor bowls, we have entered teams for the competition on the 30th July – no pressure ladies – just do your best! If you would like to join us at any of our meetings you would be very welcome. We meet at the community centre in Aberhafesp on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm.

Elaine Benbow President 01686 625586

July	The Rhine valley from Coblenz to Basel	Edward Parry	Comp: Favourite holiday photograph
August	Holiday		
September 1 st	Fashion and undergarments	Jemma Esvelt (Powysland Mus.)	Comp: Period photograph showing clothes from the past
October 6 th	Traders of the Lost Art	Chris Dickinson	
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

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION & AGM

At the recent elections, current Community Councillors were uncontested and so a full election was not held. The election for the County Councillor was held and County Councillor Heulwen Hulme was re-elected.

At the Community Council 2022 AGM, current Chair Cllr. Nigel Hamer stood down after holding the post for the last 5 years. Cllr. Alwyn Nutting was elected as Chair and Vice Chair Cllr. Graham Green. It was decided at the AGM to donate £100 towards the Platinum Jubilee celebrations being held at the Community Centre.

ANNUAL REPORT: 18th May 2022

Since the 2021 AGM there have been four online meetings and six face to face meetings, with good attendance from all Councillors.

The chair during 2021-22 period was Cllr. Nigel Hamer and vice chair Cllr. Alwyn Nutting. Sian Griffiths continues as the Internal Auditor, and recently completed the 2021-22 audit.

The speed review within Aberhafesp village is still ongoing with progress of a Speed Indicator Device sign to be purchased very soon. Traffic monitoring strips have been placed for two weeks, to compare the results from the last time it was monitored.

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**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. 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 and you wish to speak at the meeting you need to ask the chairman.



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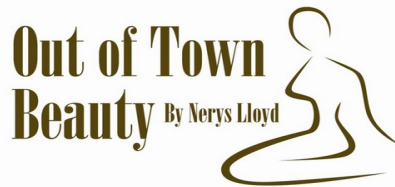
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Contact for the hall: Graham Green 01686 651225 graham.green2@btinternet.com

We also have an 8x4mtr marquee and a 6x3mtr gazebo for hire:

Contact: Nigel Hamer 01686 650702 nigelhamer68@hotmail.com

VILLAGE FLY INFESTATION

Recently there appears to have been an abundance of nasty house flies in certain parts of the village. Of course living in a rural area we are not surprised to experience this from time to time, and although the internet gives a lot of advice about how to deal with this type of problem it does seem to have been worse than usual. One local resident has even considered moving into the garden and leaving the house to the flies. A cooler period of weather has appeared to ease the situation, but if you have any amazingly innovative suggestions of ways to get rid of them should the need arise, please make them known.

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