



ABERHAFESP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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ABERHAFESP COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Hello, I'm John, resident of Bwlch-y-Ffridd. I am the new Chair of the Aberhafesp Community Association (ACA). Joining me is Cheryl Bridle as Treasurer and Janet Davies as Secretary.

Inevitably we will be stuck for words for the Newsletter at some point in the future and – at the risk of excessive navel gazing – might expand on the 'About us' details. I would like to say thanks to Maddy Thornton, Edward Parry and Joan Michel who have retired from their posts as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Our remit is simple: **Community**. This is centred around but is definitely not limited to the Community Centre, i.e. the intangible 'fluffy' stuff that makes community as well as the physical presence of the Centre which go to make this place such an amazing one in which to live.

Thanks. Whilst I remember, a big thanks to all all the helpers, stall holders and visitors who came to our Coffee Morning on Saturday 23rd September. This event was in support of the Newsletter costs and raised approximately £450. Despite advertising income and lower copying costs thanks to Rev Nia Wyn Morris, production is usually loss making. If you can receive and print a pdf copy by email it would save us an enormous amount of costs.

Events. Within a few days of our election, I was faced with a circular argument relating to the use of the Centre. "I don't come to the Community Centre, there's nothing on there for me." "What do you want?" "I don't know. Put something on and I might come." So what **do** you want? It is the community's space – everybody's, not ours. Tell us your ideas and we will give as much assistance as we can. To roll this ball a bit further, this seems an appropriate time to let you know what **is** going to be happening over the coming weeks and months at the Community Centre.

Every Friday unless stated: Wander Inn pop-up bar. 18.00-close.

The second and fourth Friday of each month: Pop up coffee bar 10am-12noon.

Saturday 7th October: Harvest Supper – details below.

Friday 24th November: Christmas Market – details below

Friday 8th December: Young Farmers Tractor Run: Details TBA

FINALLY: Please feel free to raise any community-wide topic you think we should be 'onto' and we will try and raise and/or help.

John Bateson: Chair: 01686 650830 / 07799881851

HARVEST SUPPER



SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH

6.30pm doors open

7.00pm meal

COLD MEATS & SALAD (or VEG option)

+ PUDDING

£12.50 per person

PRODUCE SALE/AUCTION

Tickets available from committee members

If you have produce to donate and are attending, please bring items along with you on the evening. If you have produce but cannot attend, please let one of the committee know and we will arrange to collect.

**JOIN US AT THE
'WANDER INN'
POP-UP PUB**

FRIDAY EVENINGS
BAR/TABLE
TENNIS/DARTS/DOMINOES
from 6pm



**FRIDAY
MORNING
POP-UP**



10-12 noon

A warm space to meet and chat
2nd and 4th Friday of each month
(subject to occasional change)

FRIDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 24th XMAS MARKET



FREE ENTRY
from 6pm
BAR OPEN

Run by the Aberhafesp Young Farmers

Get into the Xmas spirit

**Xmas Craft stalls / lucky dip / mince pies/
mulled wine / games & fun for all the family**

*If you struggle with driving in the dark, we may be able to arrange transport.
(If you struggle driving home after drinking too much then tough!)*

FUTURE IDEAS/PLANS

Sometime just before Christmas: Quiz night

Sometime just after Christmas: Ceilidh

(The band would cost £300. In order to break even before any costs are added, we need to sell – say – 38 x £8 tickets. Would you come?)

Sometime after that: Wine tasting

Early 2024: Spud in a Bucket competition

Early 2024: (Weekend?) Art class

Mid 2024: Hosting the Rotary Club Walk Across Wales

We have a couple of other notices some of which will hopefully be expanded on in the next Newsletter.

Card reader – available for all transactions in the Community Centre and possibly around our patch. (We just need wi-fi or a mobile signal.)

ACA website. An outline design is sorted, but this will not go live until probably November at the earliest. Ultra-high speed broadband in our area.

Gardening Volunteers needed to upkeep and maintain planting of entrance areas.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

6.30pm – 7.30pm

£7 PER PERSON

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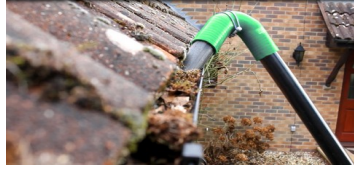
EVERY TUESDAY THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONTHS

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ST GWYNOG'S CHURCH

We continue our services which are held on the first Sunday of the month at 9am (Holy Communion) and the third Sunday at 10am (Morning Prayer) and we look forward to seeing you. On 29th October we will be holding our joint service with Rhydfelin at 2.30pm in St Gwynog's.

We also hold an 11am short service on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month and Morning Prayer on second Wednesday and Holy Communion on the fourth Wednesday.

Our **Harvest Festival is on Wednesday 11th October at 6pm** followed by refreshments in the Church room. As always, we welcome donations of items suitable for the Salvation Army Food Bank and any collection money will be given to the Food Bank.

We continue to enjoy the **FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNINGS on the 1st Saturday of each month 10am-12noon**. We hope to continue these until the end of the year. We would also like to thank all our helpers and cake providers who all work so hard. We thank you for your help and continued support.

We held our MU strawberry tea in August in the church in aid of the Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Centre. We were pleased to send them a cheque for £322. Thanks to all who supported us.

Thank you to everyone who helps & supports us at the events that we organise, we do appreciate your support, and thank you to our community grass cutters for helping us keep the churchyard looking so tidy. See our **Facebook page**

During the summer we had several visitors from overseas including Ian & Anne Macpherson, from Canada. Ian's father who is now 90 remembers time spent with the Woosnam family during WW11. A slightly edited copy of his letter to Brian Poole is below and may be of interest.

Dear Brian,

It was a great pleasure for Anne and I to meet you and your wife Mair and the others at St Gwynog's for tea and cake in celebration of Jean's birthday. You all were so kind to welcome us and discuss the Woosnam Family.

Our visit to Aberhafesp helped me understand our family history much better, including the story of the parish room and the bequeathment by my great grandfather Canon Woosnam and his wife Mary in memory of their son eldest Charles. {My father tells me that the family called him Hilty (sp?)}

My father, who is 90 years old, enjoyed hearing about our visit to St. Gwynog's Church and meeting some of the parishioners. Some of the things you mention in your PenCambria article he remembers well from his boyhood days in Aberhafesp. Fishing with his older brother in the Severn River, roaming the surrounding woods, hunting rabbits in the hills, and riding his older sister's welsh pony, Charlie, up to Fachwen Pool which was the domestic water source.

My father was born in Caersws in 1933. He lived at the Hall with his three elder siblings during WWII when he was a boy. After the war his father, Roderick Macpherson, retired from the army, moved the family to Jersey. Roderick grew up nearby in Kerry. He was a captain in the Black Watch. He married Monica Woosnam, Canon Woosnam's eldest daughter, younger sister of Maxwell "The Sportsman".

As a boy my father was fond of his Uncle Max. From time to time Uncle Max would visit my father's family in Aberhafesp and sometimes my father would stay with him in London on his way to and from his schooling. The location of Uncle Max's gold medal is a good question? Our family was never in touch with his son Maxwell Jr. Most likely his grandson, James, who you've corresponded with, would know more!

While I was in Wales I made contact with Margaret Stacey who you might know. Margaret sent a copy of an article published in The Montgomery Collections about the Woosnam family. The article is entitled "Angels and Profligates: Woosnams, Proctors, and the Aberhafesp estate" written by Rachel Jones. Likely you know of the article but if not I'll send you a copy.

In closing, thank-you again for your kind hospitality and for helping me understand the family history better. Now that I'm retired I have time to look into it for the first time. Articles like yours and the one Margaret Stacey sent are very helpful. Please pass on our best regards to all the others we met at St Gwynog's.

Best Wishes, Ian Macpherson

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MY WIFE THE GARDENER

She dug the plot on Monday
the soil was rich and fine,
She forgot to thaw out dinner
so we went out to dine...

She planted roses Tuesday
she says they are a must,
They really are quite lovely
but she quite forgot to dust.

On Wednesday it was daisies
they opened up with sun,
All whites and pinks and yellows
but the laundry wasn't done...

The poppies came on Thursday -
a bright and cherry red,
I guess she really was engrossed
she never made our bed...

It was violets on Friday
in colours she adores,
It never bothered her at all
all the crumbs upon the floors

I hired a maid on Saturday
my week is now complete,
My wife can garden all she wants
the house will still be neat!

Its nearly lunchtime Sunday
and I cannot find the maid,
Oh no! I don't believe it!
She's out there WITH THE SPADE



LOCAL YOUNG FARMERS

These are the new 2023-2024 officials that were elected at our AGM on 2nd August

Chair: Jamie Owen

Vice Chair: Ben Evans

Secretary: Gemma Owen

Minutes Secretary: Lora Gethin

Press & Social media Secretary: Hali Ottoway

Treasurer: Lucy Jones

We would love to welcome new faces to our club this year. Lots of competitions arranged for the coming year that will be as amazing as last year.

Thanks to last year's committee.

We will be hosting a special **Xmas Market Fun** evening on Friday 24th November.

More details to follow. See our [Facebook page](#)

GREENING YOUR HOME?

Are you interested in greening your home? People are cautious about adding solar panels, domestic battery and heat pumps to their property. Now you have the opportunity to talk to home-owners who have made the move. This is via the <https://powys.greenopenhomes.net/> scheme.

Isfryn Barn in Bwlch-y-Fridd will be open over a couple of October weekends for those interested in seeing the equipment in action and gives you the chance to talk about our experience. For details and to book a visit go to the above website.

LOCATIONS OF OUR THREE LOCAL REGISTERED DEFIBRILLATORS AND PROCEDURES



To access the AED box you have to **Telephone 999 or 112**

Request an ambulance and tell them your location (see below for post code of the nearest defibrillator) Ambulance control will give you a

CODE to open the defibrillator box

Follow the instructions. Paramedics will be on the way to administer the next stage of the resuscitation process.

Due to insurance purposes the Code is not displayed on the boxes

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ABERHAFESP SY16 3JR**

**ON THE WALL OUTSIDE THE
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INSIDE THE OLD PHONE BOX IN BWLCH-Y-FFRIDD SY16 3HX

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

At the latest Community Council meeting it was agreed that the Council would now take over the financial responsibility for the upkeep and training for the three defibrillators located within the parish.

Discussion took place regarding the speeding issues within the villages of Aberhafesp and Bwylch-y-Fridd. Why Aberhafesp had stayed at 30mph and Bwylch-y-Fridd has changed to 20mph?

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-Ffridd, 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 website aberhafesp.community-council.org.uk

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 at aberhafespcommunitycouncil@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.

MOTHER'S UNION

Aberhafesp Mothers' Union held their Summer Trip on July 20th 2023 and, as planned, visited the Mid Wales Arts Centre, Maesmawr, near Caersws. We enjoyed a guided walk and talk both through the outdoor woodland and garden areas and the indoor exhibition of interesting and diverse artwork. A beautifully presented afternoon tea was enjoyed afterwards surrounded by more interesting artwork which sparked lots of conversation. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

On August 13th Aberhafesp Mothers' Union held a Strawberry Tea at St Gwynog's Church from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.. Seasonal and tasty strawberries were enjoyed alongside a variety of savoury and sweet items. No fixed entrance fee was charged but donations were gratefully accepted and the proceeds were given to Montgomery Family Crisis Centre.

September's Mothers' Union was held on 21st of the month in the church room at St Gwynog's Church. Helen Davies gave an interesting and informative talk about the aims and work of Lingen Davies Fund, the current fund-raising campaign and events and the Live Life cancer awareness programme to promote early diagnosis. She also outlined the Powys Cancer Champion project and how to become a Powys Cancer Champion.

We continue to invite anyone who would like to join Aberhafesp Mothers' Union to get in touch.

Barbara Moelwyn-Williams: Tel. 01686627329

200 CLUB

**Aberhafesp Community
Association
200 Club
Year 2023-2024**

Tickets are currently on sale. Cost £10 each for the year. Throughout the year four draws take place starting Autumn, Summer Winter and Easter. First prize of £50 and £100 at Xmas. The first this year being drawn at the Harvest Supper on 7th October. Contact one of the committee members for more information.

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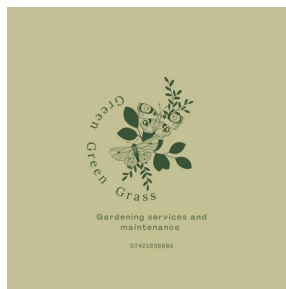
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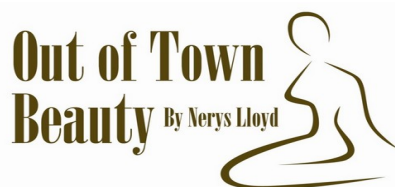
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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We continue our thriving meetings and in June Stan Mahon came along to demonstrate how to make up hanging baskets with plenty of tips and ideas for our gardening ladies and inspiration for those who don't know how to start! He kindly donated one of the completed baskets to our raffle. We were not able to organise a trip in July so enjoyed an evening of quizzing fun followed by a strawberries and cream 'supper'. We didn't have a meeting during August but a few members met each week to practise croquet on Doreen's field, ready for the competition in September. The meeting in September was a talk on skincare from Skincare Bootique which was an enjoyable evening full of pamper ideas.

If you would like to come and join us, we meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in Aberhafesp community centre, and new members would be very welcome. A huge thank you to all our members who support our WI making it a friendly and interesting group.

Stephanie Benbow President: 01686629572

October 5th	Monty's Brewery	Russell Honeyman
November 2nd	Severn River Trust	Dewi Morris
December 7th	Christmas Wreaths	Jan Lawrence

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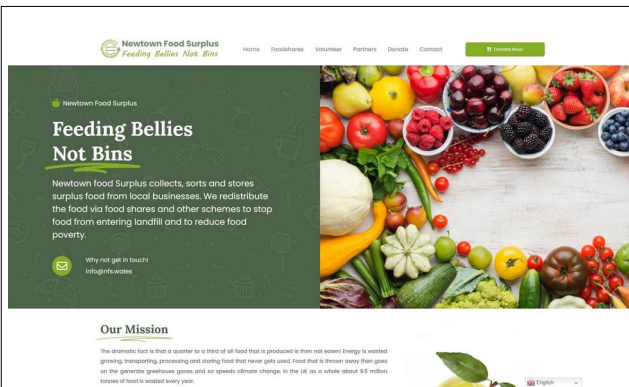
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10am - 3pm for coffees, teas, light lunches and fine wine.

Our deli counter offers a great selection of cheeses, meats and delightful treats



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About Newtown Food Surplus

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10.30am to 11.30am AT

THE JUBILEE SCOUT HALL, PARK LANE, NEWTOWN, SY16 1EN.

We do occasionally hold shares in the Ladywell Hall at Ysgol Calon y Dderwen, Park Lane, Newtown.

Many of us are environmentalists who want to see Newtown as a pioneering town of food sustainability filling #BelliesNotBins.

It is for Everyone!!!

Please be aware that we are working with community groups as well, you are not taking food away from anyone.

We are **NOT a food bank**. We are about 'food-sharing', bringing community together, using the food for positive change in the community.

You 'pay as you feel', so if you're having a tough month it's free or you could donate your time and help. If you can afford to pay donations are very much welcome towards our running costs, help buy equipment etc and can 'pay it forward for others'.

OUR STORY

We started at the end of October 2021 with our first food share operating from a cabin on the Cultivate Community site at Pen Dinas, near the Hafren Theatre and college in Newtown. This quickly grew to two food shares a week whilst also supporting local community groups like Newtown Community Cafe. We now have a team of 60+ enthusiastic committed volunteers we collect 7 days a week from several supermarkets.

See our website: NESWALES
and our [Facebook Page](#)
for up to date details

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS

With the aim of helping as many people as possible and making a difference to the environment, we are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers, especially drivers to collect from the supermarkets.

Contact: newtownfoodsurplus@gmail.com

**OR: Come along to our first monthly Open Day/Evening
Monday 9th October 9am at the Scout Hut and Wednesday 11th
October 7.30pm at our hub. Unit 8, St. Giles Business Park, Pool
Road SY16 3AJ (not open to the public)**

COMMUNITY CENTRE HALL HIRE

If you are arranging a family event, children's party, funeral tea, or a meeting, our community centre building, marquee and a gazebo are all 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 newly installed sound system which includes a hearing loop.

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

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

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