

Aberhafesp Community Association

NEWSLETTER

Charity No.1043185

Winter 2025/26

FROM THE CHAIR

I extend on behalf of the Association (belated) Season's Greetings and hope the coming year brings you good health and happiness. Thanks to every one of you who have helped, visited and supported the ACA over the year which has been unrelentingly good! The diary is full – in fact we are now having to say no to various acts as we have something on already.

Looking forward, Bingo continues along with the Wander Inn, Friday Coffee Mornings and 'Use It Or Lose It' classes. We see the return of Stuart Jones and Rory Evans early in the New Year followed by Hywel and Johnny in February. We have also booked a duo for March. More via Facebook and the other channels later.

Avoiding politics whilst creating this piece is a tough challenge. For better, for worse, politics dominates our lives. So, unable to resist the challenge any further, here goes....

Air Ambulance *



The Court of Appeal has decided not to allow any further challenge to the decision process to close the Air Ambulance bases in Caernarfon and Welshpool. This brings to a (legal) end the fight to keep the two bases open. It is likely then that the Wales Air Ambulance Charity, who operate the air ambulance, will move their operation to a single site in north Wales somewhere near the A55. i.e. much further away from us and our

neighbours. For once, our local (not necessarily national) politicians are in accord as are the north Wales Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Powys Teaching Health Board; closing the Welshpool (and Caernarfon) air ambulance base could have a serious impact on your health.

As Labour's Carolyn Thomas, who chairs the Senedd's petitions committee, said "Supporters of the change say this would mean more emergency calls could be answered each year, but campaigners have proved using charity data it will mean slower response times for at least 40 communities". That's us folk. Searching the web for the story will provide plenty of reports on the deliberations.

The BBC reported comments from the Charity when the announcement on the ending of the legal challenge (on the decision process, not outcome) was first made in October. The Charity seemed particularly insensitive bordering on offensive to all of us in mid and north Wales, especially those who have raised and donated money, campaigned and so on. I quote: "*the decision would save more lives across the country, particularly in mid and north Wales*". Stunning! How can this come about when the helicopters are planned to be further away? As an example, consider a call handler faced with two traumas, one near the proposed base near the A55, the other up in the mid-Wales hills. Where will the call handler send the helicopter? To the 'local' A55 trauma. Why? Because the extra flight time (ca. 30+ minutes) to travel to mid-Wales from the A55 would substantially reduce the victims chances of survival.

The Charity continued: "*In 2023-24, we were unable to attend 551 incidents in mid and north Wales, between 20:00 and 02:00*" The relevance of this to the proposed changes is questioned. Is it the fault of people in mid and north Wales that we **don't** have enough incidents at the "right" time of day? Or do you have other operational issues that will miraculously be solved when you move to the proposed new site? So what exactly is the Charity trying to say?

(Readers should note that the helicopters have only been able to operate in daylight hours due to Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)-pilot-helicopter type restrictions. Night and poor visibility require approved plans from the CAA which according to the Air Ambulance charity can add further 20 minutes to the flight. So, once again, is this our 'fault'?)

Overseeing healthcare in Wales is NHS Wales including the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service (EMRTS) (<https://emrts.nhs.wales/>). Also operating nationally within NHS Wales is the Joint Commissioning Committee JCC (<https://jcc.nhs.wales/>) formed of representatives of all seven NHS Wales Health Boards to commission services. And, whilst we are on the topic of jargon and abbreviations, RRVs are car based emergency vehicles complete with qualified medics acting as 'first responders'.

Highlighting some of the seemingly illogical arguments put forward in support for the changes is one from the Chief Ambulance Services Commissioners Report on EMRTS -Service Review. In this, the report states that from Welshpool the helicopter can reach 1,258,000 people in 24 minutes, but can only reach 780,000 in 24 minutes from new base. That's a staggering 470,000 people less in 24 minutes than from Welshpool - a significant loss of service to Mid Wales (see link: *EMRTS population coverage by Helicopter in 24 minutes*).

At this point, it should be clarified about the Air Ambulance Charity's stance on what they fund and, more importantly, what they do (or will?) not. The charity has made it clear that they are under no obligation to fund any new Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs) based in Welshpool when they move to North Wales.

At the moment the vehicles operating out of the Welshpool and Caernarfon bases are funded by the charity. Both helicopter bases in South Wales have RRVs. The promise of a bespoke RRV service was made during the JCC meeting when five of the health boards voted to close both bases. Powys and Betsi Cadwaladr Health Boards did not approve the closure and asked for more information about replacing the RRVs. Unfortunately the decision was carried by the majority. This is despite the JCC's clearly stating that "individual Health Boards are ultimately accountable to their population and other stakeholders for the provision of the services commissioned by the NWJCC for the residents in their area". See the very first paragraph on their own landing page on the JCC website: <https://jcc.nhs.wales/>.

So what does all this mean? Not only would mid-and north-West Wales lose the air ambulances, the probability is that the rapid response vehicles put in place at the helicopter bases by the JCC would go as well!

The JCC is on record as saying that no bases would close until the RRVs promised are in place and are operational. This was an agenda item on the November JCC meeting where it was decided that details of how the JCC would meet its promise of no base closure until bespoke RRV service is in place and how it would 'look like' should be announced at their January Meeting.

Discussions have been held recently in the Senedd following a petition by over 10,000 people against the changes. These included comments by Russell George (MS, Independent) and Wales' health secretary Jeremy Miles (Labour) who is reported in the County Times as saying "... a plan and timeline for mitigation measures will be published in early 2026." Russell Georges' piece is worth watching as a summary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvZAGy2nQIQ>

Political pressure from various sources is - correctly - being applied (e.g. <https://www.mynewtown.co.uk/viewernews/articleId/23236/Powys-demands-urgent-action-on-rapid-response-vehicles->). This is required. There is a probability that the JCC will be forced to backtrack on the promise to provide the RRVs to an equivalent level to the service currently available from Welshpool. A case of "... if Powys (and Betsi Cadwaladr) want RRVs, they are going to have to pay for them. But with what when local healthcare budgets are shrinking not growing.

In the event that no RRVs are funded centrally, do we have to fund them ourselves? On this point we should be careful what we wish for. I thought taxation was equitable across the country... So long as you don't live somewhere rural and awkward. I hope to have an update in future editions. <https://www.countytimes.co.uk/news/25655237.unacceptable-safety-vacuum-welsh-air-ambulance/>
<https://stevewitherden.wales/2025/03/12/appg-for-air-ambulances/>
<https://www.walesairambulance.com/>

* I take full responsibility for the contents here, possible mistakes and all; nothing to do with the ACA. *John Bateson: Chair*

RECENT EVENTS (you might have missed)

Harvest Lunch



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Anna Massie



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available to purchase in the interval**

**Both Rory and Stuart are donating all the money collected to
charity, and have chosen to support Newtown Food Surplus.**

SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY

7.30pm

Tickets £15 includes hot supper

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JOHNNY & HYWEL



Singing duo

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Raffle

SATURDAY 28th MARCH

Jeb Loy Nichols & Clovis Phillips

Jeb: US by birth but a long term mid-Wales resident. Jeb is a multi-talented artist with song writing, performing, novel writing, printing and other works to his name.

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DYSGU SIARAD CYMRAEG



Are there any **Welsh Language Learners** out there who would like to meet up with a few Welsh speakers to practise conversational Welsh?

If interested, we meet at the Aberhafesp Community Centre at the Friday Pop Up Coffee Mornings at **11.00 am on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month**. We would love to see you.

FORTNIGHTLY CASH



Friday 9th & 23rd January

The BAR opens 6.00 pm

EYES DOWN 7.30 pm

£10.00 A BOOK of 8 games including the snowball

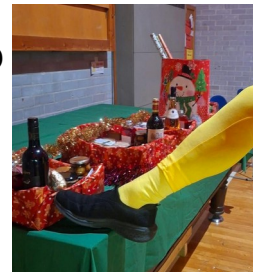
Plus 1 game of Irish Bingo

CASH OR CARD PAYMENTS

A big thank you from Aberhafesp bingo team 😊, it wouldn't be the success it is without you all turning up each time.

A special thanks to those that donated to the Xmas hampers, hope you all enjoyed it. Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

See you all again next year on 9th January 2026



LOCAL BUS SERVICE - B83

This is operated by Celtic Travel. Monday to Saturday every 2 hours **Newtown to Llanidloes** via Aberhafesp / Caersws / Trefeglwys / and return. [Click here for the bus times](#)

Village residents need to call a 01686 412231 at least 2 hours beforehand for collection. Saturday and Monday pickups must be booked before the end of day on Friday.

Aberhafesp pickups spots can be agreed at the time of booking.

Bwlch y Fridd pickup are at the Chapel in the middle of the village.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN SCHOOL TERM TIME

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The Game Change Project is a nonprofit organisation based at Llywdcoed Mill, Aberhafesp supporting local young people experiencing difficulties attending school on a full-time basis. Through practical activities like animal care, equine handling, mechanics and learning on the land, the project creates opportunities for them to gain confidence, resilience and essential life skills. More than 120 young teens access the project each year. Back in September we were very excited that Jamie, one of our horses at the project was a runner-up for the Animal Award in the **BBC Cymru Wales Make a Difference Awards 2025**. Jamie and his other animal friends play a huge part in helping vulnerable young teens to gain confidence, trust and self-belief. We are very proud that his contribution was recognised and that we were able to be part of such a heart-warming occasion.



For more information about the project contact Sian Roberts, Project Manager &

Director 07766606276

sian@thegamechangeproject.org

Please visit our website for more information

www.thegamechangeproject.org.



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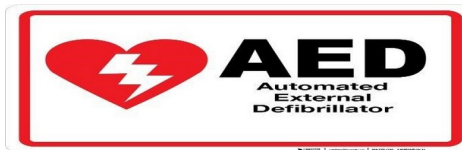
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SY16 3HX**



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(Note: the code for the Community Centre defibrillator is displayed inside the building)

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COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

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Please call E-zec on **0300 777 0077**

Patient Transport to Hospitals & Clinics in Herefordshire. Please call the Powys Teaching Health Board Therapies Hub on **01686 613200**

ST. GWYNOG'S CHURCH

We had a lovely Harvest service in October led by Revd. Chris followed by brunch comprising delicious bacon rolls and toast and marmalade. Thank you to those who dressed the windows and porch, provided and cooked the food and helped provide a wheelbarrow full of food for the Salvation Army Food Bank. They were overwhelmed by the amount of food and the donations which totalled £900, thank you to all who gave so generously.

Remembrance Sunday was a little different this year with Christine having retired but a big thank you to Lynne Beck for leading our outdoor service. We were blessed with dry weather which always helps. Our thanks to Pat Beck for carrying the cross from the porch after all the names of those lost during the 2 wars were read out and people were able to put their poppies in the cross. We stopped at the graves of 3 local men



who died during the wars. Gerard Bland gave the Exhortation & Alwyn Nutting played the Last Post before the 2-minute silence followed by the Kohima Epitaph at the end. Alwyn then played the reveille to signify the end of the 2-minute silence then accompanied us while we sang "O God our help in ages past". We were pleased that so many were able to join us.

The last Sunday in November was St. Gwynog's turn to host the joint service with Rhydfelin Church. It was decided that we should take the opportunity for Nia to dedicate the new handrail and the repairs to the damaged pokerwork at the back of church. We were sorry that Adam who had designed and made the handrail was unable to join us so that we could tell him how much it has been admired and used but delighted that Neil from Ned's Shed, who had carried out the repairs to the pokerwork, and his wife Jill were able to join us and stay for a chat over tea afterwards.

We continue to enjoy our coffee mornings on the 1st Saturday of each month. Thanks to everyone for their support, and to the helpers who make the cakes, and serve coffee & tea. We will be re-opening again on Saturday 7th February and we look forward to seeing you.

We hope to hold our traditional snowdrop teas sometime towards the end of January/early February depending on when the snowdrops decide to show themselves! We will let you know the dates nearer the time.

Thank you to all those who have helped with services over Christmas and throughout the year and to all those who maintain the Church and Churchyard. Thank you to all the local tradesmen who help maintain the building and all those who decorate the Church and help us keep the Church open throughout the year. We would also like to thank you all for the generosity shown at our events and we thank everyone for your ongoing support of St Gwynog's Church.

We keep everyone associated with St Gwynog's and the surrounding communities in our thoughts and prayers, especially those who are unwell or on their own. We hope you had a good Christmas and wish you all a happy New Year.

Richard Bresnen: Vicar's Warden

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SHORT MAT BOWLS

We are already half way through our season and still have a busy few months ahead. We have twenty one players this year and our club nights continue to be well supported. Our in house Pairs competition played every Tuesday is very popular. So far we have played four matches in the Sir Drefaldwyn League. Tregynon Club has rejoined the League after a few years absence. We have three players going through to the finals after the Singles Competition was played in Bettws in October. We hosted the Pairs Competition in November, with twenty teams, and are pleased to report that three of our teams qualified for the finals to be played in Dolfor in March. We are looking forward to the popular Triples and Fours Saturday Competitions and completing our League Matches. The first 2026 session is 6th January – through to 31st March. **Contact Elaine Benbow 01686 625586**



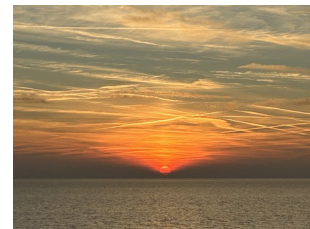
ACA PHOTOGRAPHY

WINNER of the Winter Competition

Stephanie Ibbotson

Prize £10 Wander Inn Voucher

Note from the judge: *Not an easy one to judge, this competition! Subject was very "Wide", so I was looking for the image that had the most "Wow" factor for me and that I would have been happy to have taken and hang on my wall. Overall, the standard of images is improving and everyone should be happy with their images, but there has to be a top three, and even then, there is very little between the best three. Well done to EVERYONE who took part, please carry on taking lovely photos - and do consider printing those special ones for your wall !*



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YOUNG FARMERS

Aberhafesp YFC have had a fantastic and busy time recently, with members enjoying a variety of social and community events. One highlight was attending the County Dinner at Bettws Village Hall, which was a great opportunity to come together and celebrate with friends from across the county. Members also enjoyed a club night out at CoCo Pzazz, bringing everyone together for a fun and relaxed evening.

The biggest highlight of the year, and our members' favourite event, was organising and running the annual Tractor Run with Trefeglwys YFC. This much-loved event on the 13th December once again brought the community together and showcased an amazing display of tractors, creating a brilliant atmosphere throughout. A huge thank you goes to everyone who supported the tractor run — our drivers, stewards, sponsors, those cheering us on from the streets, and all who helped behind the scenes to make the day such a success. And of course, thank you to our fantastic tractors for putting on an amazing show! And if you didn't get the chance to donate, our [JustGiving page](#) is still open, with all funds raised supporting Alzheimer's UK and Velindre Cancer Centre. Thank you all for the incredible support — it truly means a lot to us.



200 CLUB WINNERS – drawn on Friday 12th December

£100	John & Myra Williams	Newtown
£50	Janet Davies	Aberhafesp
£50	Ivor Astley	Llanwnog
£25	Bronwen Williams	Trefeglwys
£25	Simon Newson	Bwlchyffridd
£25	Mark Evans	Aberhafesp
£25	Ann Breeze	Clatter
£25	Colin Hawkins	Llanwnog
£25	Liz Davies	Aberhafesp
£15	Margaret Nuttall	Aberhafesp
£15	Gwilym Evans	Trefeglwys
£15	Laura Evans	Aberhafesp
£15	Margaret Bromley	Aberhafesp

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Meetings are held on a **Wednesday evening in the Community centre**, and members of the public can attend any meeting, unless otherwise specified. If you have an item that you wish to add to the agenda, please contact the clerk Rachel Hamer on aberhafespcommunitycouncil@hotmail.com



www.jumblebee.co.uk/longestyarn2welshpool

NEWTOWN FOOD SURPLUS



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See our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#)

MOTHERS' UNION

The Autumn meetings held at Aberhafesp started on September 18th in St Gwynog's church room with an update from Steph Benbow of her time spent in Albania earlier this year. After the short service and business meeting lead by Christine Cooper, Steph showed a film of her visit and recalled her work helping young people in the area.

This was followed on October 16th by a meeting lead by Peter Thompson about the Eco Church in which Christine Cooper helped all those present to construct their own 'Bug Hotels'. Christine had alerted all those attending the meeting to arrive with plenty of equipment for a practical session. Lots of hollow plant stems of various sizes, pieces of bark and other plant material were requested along with secateurs or scissors, gardening gloves and containers for holding our 'Bug Hotels'. A busy afternoon was spent putting them together and a variety of safe resting places for wildlife were made. The meeting ended with more chat, tea or coffee and many biscuits.

Aberhafesp Mothers' Union does not hold monthly meetings during the Winter months but it does take part in Cedewain Mission Area's Wave of Prayer scheduled for 19th November 2025 at 10:00am in St. Gwynog's Church.

There will be no meeting in December but plans are being made for a meal to be shared by members and friends in Themes Restaurant at Coleg Powys, Newtown on 15th January 2026.

We were very happy to welcome three new members this Autumn. Carol Gough and Dy and Glyn Evans joined us for our last meeting and we hope to see them for our 2026 programme. Anyone interested in finding out more or joining us please get in touch. *Barbara Moelwyn-Williams Tel: 01686627329*

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Since the last newsletter Aberhafesp WI have held two meetings and the AGM. In October we entertained ourselves with a sports evening including Kurling, Dominoes, Darts and Table-tennis. Cups for Croquet (1st) and Outdoor bowls (1st, 3rd & 4th) were on display. Later in the month we also hosted the Cedewain group Short Mat Bowls. A most enjoyable competition resulted in some good success for Aberhafesp coming 1st and 3rd.

In October six members also attended the Cedewain group meeting hosted by Kerry WI. We shared ideas for speakers and activities and were entertained by the fabulous Vocalese and enjoyed a super cold buffet provided by our hosts.

At the AGM in November the current officers agreed to continue for one more year. We ended the evening by learning some Origami. Also in November we did well in Kurling coming 1st, 3rd and 4th. Members continue to be active in sports, and other creative and literary pursuits ending the year having won several trophies and been well placed in local group competitions with Darts and Dominoes in progress.

In December we had a hugely enjoyable and skilled demonstration in Christmas wreath and table decoration making by Kathy and Hazel from Long Mountain flowers. In addition to members, we welcomed 20 guests and the pieces created were donated and raffled at the end of the evening. After the demonstration everyone had a lovely, shared supper provided by the members and some non-alcoholic Prosecco. A full programme of events has been arranged for 2026. If you fancy joining this friendly and active group please come along at 7pm on the first Thursday of the month in Aberhafesp Community Centre (except January where it is the 8th, and trips arranged for summer months).

January 8 th	Life of a Solicitor	Anne Smith
February 5 th	The Bayeux Tapestry	Michael Cheshire
March 5 th	Healing Flowers	Grace Davies

For further information contact jo_burrage@hotmail.com (Secretary) or Steph Benbow (President) 01686629572

COMMUNITY CENTRE / EQUIPMENT HALL HIRE

If you are arranging a family event, children's party, funeral tea, or a meeting, our community centre building, marquee and gazebo are all available for hire. There is a fully functioning kitchen and a fully adjustable event lighting system, modern PA system with hearing loop, high speed broadband and large 80+inch tv. The systems can be linked using Bluetooth. Residents are also able to hire tables and chairs for private off-site functions. See below for contact details. [Booking forms are available on the ACA website](#)

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Please send any articles of interest to the editor

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