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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another issue of your Community Council's Newsletter.

Earlier in the month we were lucky enough to have the weather we have all been waiting for. Glorious sunshine - a very welcome surprise for us and although we have since had some rainy days, these days are always much needed for our gardens, The message being, when the sun shines, make the most of it and hope there is a lot more sunshine for us to enjoy in the weeks ahead.

A note to keep you updated - there are plans in place to upgrade the toilet block in the village hall also the replacement of the majority of the windows which have been in place for many years. The boiler room has already been upgraded to become a facility for the use of various classes which are held weekly. Anyone wishing to hire the Boiler Room (formerly the school coalhouse) or the Village Hall can do so by contacting Louise John on 896746.

We also have a Sports Pavilion with changing facilities which is an excellent facility for our village and the envy of many. We, as a Council welcome any enquiries from anyone wishing to make use of this venue by contacting Councillor Tom John on 892519.

I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday period and also take this opportunity to invite you to our monthly meetings which take place each second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall, Pontardulais Road with the first 15 minutes giving you, as residents, a chance to highlight any issues you wish the Council to discuss. I would also like to draw to your attention that there are three vacancies on the Council and expressions of interest would be most welcomed.

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We currently have three vacancies for Councillors to represent the West Ward. We welcome any expressions of interest.

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

As promised, the Community Council visits you again through our Newsletter and 2013 continues to be busy with lots of events happening in the village. Some have already taken place with even more planned for the remainder of the year which I will attempt to keep you informed about.



As editor, I am always on the look out for any news/special birthdays/celebrations or events that would be of interest to residents of Penllergaer by noting them in this quarterly Newsletter. You can do this by contacting me on 896797 and your call will always be gratefully received.

I too, wish you all a very happy holiday period and hope that the weather especially during the school holidays will be kind to us giving the children a chance to enjoy the many beaches we have within easy reach of us.

Hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter and I will catch up with you again in September with news of events that have taken place over the Summer. My best wishes and regards to you all.

Christine Pugh



September 2011 saw Tara Davies and Andrew Williams celebrate their engagement and as promised in my newsletter I said I would keep you posted when they celebrate their wedding.

April 5th 2013 saw Tara and Andrew of Gorseinon Road, Penllergaer mark this very occasion. The service was conducted by Rev. Alan Bayes at St. David's Church followed by a wedding breakfast at the Oxwich Bay Hotel.

Congratulations and every happiness to you both.



Over 60's Penllergaer over 60's is a very active organisation within the village. They meet at 2 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Llewelyn Hall and are known for organising a busy programme of events.

The group were visited in March by guest speaker Mr Brian Quick who gave a humorous talk on 'Nick Names'.

April proved to be a busy time extending a warm welcome to Mr Howell Evans who is now in his 90's and recalled his time in the RAF Bomber Command. He joined the RAF in 1942 as a radio operator and stated he had experienced over 400 flying hours.

April 16th - the members had an enjoyable day trip to Tenby.

Mr Howard Mortimer was also welcomed during April and recalled the music of Paul Robson including 'Old Man River'. He also playing other items of his music for all to enjoy.

During May, the group were enlightened by Louise James and three, year 10 pupils from Pontardulais Comprehensive school on new technology including the iphone and ipod. Louise informed members of the 'one to one' sessions held at the school each Thursday to encourage senior members of the community to become technically minded. The end of May saw Mr Ray Kneath give a talk on the Swansea area and also the Penllergaer estate including how Photography has progressed over the years.

June's Day Trip to Worcester was also an enjoyable day out calling at 'Hop Pocket', near Hereford, Garden and shopping Centre where they were able to enjoy a cuppa on their way home.

The Summer Fayre held on the 25th June was very well supported and you can see from the photo below Chairperson Mrs Jennifer Davies and Mrs Mair Hughes - the most senior member of the group, together with their many friends, enjoying an afternoon chatting over a cup of tea.



For further information contact Secretary Mrs Anna Armishaw on 01792 897299.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies' Guild meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Llewelyn Hall. They have a varied programme of events in place and Tuesday 25th June saw them meet for their end of year Dinner in the 'Old Inn' which is always an enjoyable evening for the group. If you would like to join, a warm welcome awaits you.

For further information contact Councillor Wendy Fitzgerald on 01792 895330.

Penllergaer Primary School

So much has been going on in Penllergaer Primary School recently. Our Nursery children have been looking at the story 'Jasper and the Beanstalk'. They have been painting what they thought was at the top of the beanstalk from the story. Some of the children painted rainbows, whilst others painted giants, princes and princesses. They have also been planting beans and cress seeds and have been using a magnifying glass to watch them grow. Taster sessions have also been held for new children starting in September.

In Reception, the children have been listening to the story of Goldilocks and the three Bears. During cooking, they made Oaty biscuits using porridge oats and golden syrup which went down a treat. Years 1/2 have been learning about maps and routes. The children programmed BeeBots (small programmable robot bugs!) to go around maps using different routes. They have been on a walk around the school grounds as part of respecting our community also making a visit to Bracelet Bay to look at rock pools and the environment. They enjoyed the trip which included ice cream, playing in the park and looking for crabs. One child recalled looking at the horizon and noticed there was no gap between the sky and the land. He's going to remember this in his paintings from now on! Years 3/4 have been busy researching and making presentations on issues of the world. For example, problems with litter, graffiti and global warming. They have also been making posters about the RNLI.

Years 5/6 Road Safety team were visited by the local Community Police Officers (PCSO's) and went for a walk outside the school grounds to assess the parking and speed of the traffic. The children were given warning notices to issue to cars illegally parked! So be aware - the Road Safety Team are about.

As part of the school's Comenius project, twelve year 5/6 children and four staff visited Finland. They had a fantastic time taking part in lots of activities and were excellent ambassadors for our school. We also hosted Finnish visitors along with Rev. Alan Bayes. They joined us for a special assembly which included Welsh songs and folk dancing. We were also taught some Finnish songs and dances and everyone enjoyed.

It has been a very busy term so far and there's still lots of exciting events to look forward to before the summer holidays.

The Juniors will be performing their concert twice on 25th June with a final performance on the 26th.

Sports Day is on July 3rd followed by our PTA fete at 3.30 pm - a warm welcome to all.

You can find out more about Penllergaer School via our website www.penllergaerpri.org.uk or on Twitter @PenllergaerP.

Headteacher Jayne Woolcock, Staff, Governors and Pupils wish the community of Penllergaer an enjoyable, sunny summer.

St David's Church You are warmly welcomed to join us for our regular Sunday morning services at St David's in Penllergaer.

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said) - a traditional, reflective early morning Communion service.

10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist - our main family morning service followed by refreshments in the Llewelyn Hall.

9.15 a.m. Cymun Bendigaid - a traditional Welsh language service held on the first Sunday of the month.

175th Anniversary Celebrations

2013 marks the 175th anniversary of the foundation of the Church and a celebration of the links between the Church and the Community.

To mark the occasion, we are holding a special **Victorian Family Fun Day to be held on the Sportsfield on Saturday 6th July from 1pm to 6 pm.**

An afternoon of fun, games and entertainment for all the family to enjoy. There will be craft stalls, food and drink, a Bouncy Castle also Donkey rides.

Entertainment will include Penllergaer School Choir, Irish Dancing also music by Gorseinon and District Brass Band. There will also be a special exhibition of photographs in the Church.

There will be a festival week from September 22nd to the 29th with a special civic service on the 22nd when the Archbishop of Wales will be the guest Preacher. During that week, there will also be a flower festival in addition to various other events.

Further information available by contacting:-

Vicar Alan Bayes on 01792 892603 / Mobile 07792846452 / email: revalanbayes@aol.com

Community of Christ

144 Gorseinon Road, Penllergaer

Community of Christ seeks to fulfil Christ's Mission by inviting People to Christ, Pursuing Peace on Earth and seeking to Abolish Poverty and End Suffering. We invite you to share with the Penllergaer Congregation each Sunday at 11.30 a.m. for our Worship Service. A very popular activity is our Messy Church which takes place on the last Sunday of each month in place of the regular service. As we seek to Pursue Peace on Earth, Community of Christ sponsors 'Peacemobile' which is an exciting new way for children to develop peace-making skills and awareness through play. This travelling resource consists of 20 interactive exhibits on the themes of:

Peace for Me, Peace for Us, Peace for Everybody and Peace for the Planet.

We look forward to supporting St David's Church in its 175th Anniversary by providing 4 of the Peacemobile exhibits at the Victorian Fun Day on 6th July.

For more information regarding our services and activities, please contact Pastor Ken Turner on 01792 414920 or email ken_turner@ntlworld.com

Busy Bees Day Nursery established twenty years ago and open for business Monday to Friday in the Village Hall. The Nursery is open for children aged 0 to 5 years giving the opportunity for young children to engage with other children in a Caring, Motivating and Safe environment where life skills can be learnt at a very early age. Contemplating the use of a Nursery? Contact **Jayne or Christine** on 01792 895669 to arrange a visit.



Penllergaer Gardening Club members are seen here having a well deserved break for a photograph following a tour around Picton Castle near Haverfordwest. It was a lovely day out seeing the beautiful gardens in addition to the much visited Castle, finishing off at the 'White Hart' in Llanddarog for a delicious meal.

April's meeting was one not to be missed when Tony Fitzgerald (Fitz) gave a slide show of Venice's colourful Carnival following his recent visit which he, once again, thoroughly enjoyed.

May's visit to Picton Castle was in addition to the regular meeting when members were given a talk on Streptococcus plants followed by the usual cup of tea and biscuits.

June's visit to an interesting garden in Glais proved to be a big hit especially with the refreshments which included homemade cakes.

July's meeting will be their AGM prior to the Club's August's annual 'Produce and Craft show' which will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 17th August.

This group meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 pm. in the Llewelyn Hall. Those of you who are interested in gardening and plants, come along for a taster meeting and you're sure to want to become a member.

For further information contact Rosemary on 01792 229260

Penllergaer Crafters Craft classes are held fortnightly on Wednesday mornings at 10.30 am in the Boiler Room which is part of the Village Hall on Pontardulais Road. Members continue to enjoy their varied programme and as part of their Easter theme, they could be seen painting and decorating Easter ducks, rabbits and eggs. Not forgetting the ongoing embroidery, knitting and crocheting members continue to enjoy.

Following an appeal for knitters to knit for 'Babies in Africa with Aids' the group quickly went into top gear and also roped their friends into knitting little jumpers and hats which are much needed for these babies.

In no time at all, the group together with their friends, quickly produced in excess of 50 hats and well over 100 tops with matching hats to forward on to these needy children.

The photograph below shows members admiring the variety of colours and designs that individuals have produced for this worthy cause. There is still a great need for more knitters — available? Ring Christine on 896797 and you'll make me a very happy person.



July's meeting sees the Crafters set off on a trip to Lampeter and enjoy a visit to the 'Welsh Quilt Centre' followed by a meal at the Butcher's Arms, Llanddarog. New members always welcomed just ring Wendy on 895330.

Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin / Welsh language

Playgroup

The 'Ti a Fi' / Mother and Toddler playgroup is run by Mrs Mary Lewis and is held each Thursday morning from 9.15 a.m. until 11.10 a.m. in the Llewelyn Hall. It is open to both English and Welsh speakers. The playgroup is geared for children from birth to 4 years giving the opportunity for children and their carers to have a chance to communicate in both Welsh and English.

It is also an opportunity for Carers to meet other Carers to have a chat and enjoy a cup of tea / coffee whilst observing the children enjoying play, craftwork and listening to stories etc. A warm welcome is extended to all.

Mary also holds a 'Cylch Meithrin' / Welsh Playgroup each Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 12.45 p.m. until 2.45 p.m. These sessions are for carers to leave the children with Mary and her team and are for children of 2 years and up to 4 years until they commence school.

During the past weeks, the children have been busy keeping up their craft skills with tasks such as making Ties for 'Sul y Tadau' (Father's Day) using card, crayons, stickers and wool. On the 20th June the group enjoyed a visit to Margam Park for the annual festival which featured characters from S4C also entertainment by the very popular Martin Geraint. The festival theme was 'Frindiau a Fe' (Me and Friends). The day was well supported and enjoyed by all.

July 4th will see the group taking part in a 'Pedal Push' giving the children a chance to enjoy riding their bikes but also raising money for the NSPCC. They will also have a stall on the 6th at the Victorian Fun Day making crowns and colouring them in.

July 11th they are off to the Community Farm in Cadle and on the 18th there will be a celebration party to mark the 25th anniversary of this very popular playgroup. Longyfarchiadau / congratulations.

Further details can be obtained by ringing Mary on 01792 89865

Bowls Club The outdoor season started at the end of April and the club has a regular booking at Ynystawe Park each Thursday from 4 pm to 6 pm. The facilities at Ynystawe are excellent and new members are always most welcomed.

For further information Tom John on 892519.

Sports Field

The **Football** season commences in September and is run by Penllergaer AFC. There are plans in place for an under 12's team encouraging Juniors to take up this sport.

Children are supported to learn to play football and develop skills both on and off the field. At this level it is not only about learning and developing football skills but also social skills. Obtaining results is great but seeing boys and girls enjoying their chosen sport is so rewarding.

Further information can be obtained from Secretary Mr David Davies on 01792 517700.

Enquiries are most welcome from anyone interested in forming and leading groups in, for example, Archery, Field Athletics etc. as the Sports Pavilion has excellent facilities which are on our doorstep.

Cricket - the season commenced in May and will run until September and I'm sure we all agree seeing Cricket played in the village is always a joy to watch. New members are always welcomed. Anyone interested in forming a Junior team or for any other information can contact Councillor Tom John on 892519 or email ena.john@hotmail.co.uk.

Boules / Petanque

The Community Council are considering developing pitches for this sport and welcome any expressions of interest. The Council would also like to encourage anyone interested in the youth of the village to become leaders and help in the development of sport as this is the way forward in helping the young people of our village.

Councillor Tom John would welcome a call from anyone with any idea for sport activities for our children including adults.

Penllergaer Icing Club The Icing Club meet fortnightly on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the Boiler Room which is part of the Village Hall. The group are seen here busy preparing for their stall at St David's Church 175th anniversary celebrations on 6th July.



Tip !! - Look out for this stall as the craftsmanship is amazing. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th July. Come along and learn new skills while having fun and a cuppa. Enquires would be welcomed by Wendy on 895330 or Louise on 896746.

Penllergaer Men's Society - The Society meet each third Monday of the month at 7.30 pm. Meetings are normally followed by 'refreshments' at the bar of the 'Old Inn' !!

May's meeting was held in the form of a visit to 'Penderyn Distillery'. The visit proved to be one that will have to be repeated as everyone had a good time, and not to break a habit, they finished off by calling into the 'Old Inn' to compare the taste of Whisky !!!

June's meeting was an interesting one with a talk by Mr Gregor on 'Gower Walks'. Starting in Oystermouth, he pointed out places of interest which included Pwlldu Point, Hunts Bay, also many other points of interest on the way, ending in Rhossili.

The talk ended with Mr Gregor relating the story of Mr Edgar Evans who was a Petty Officer in the Royal Navy and was a member of the 'Polar Party' in 'Robert Falcon Scott's' ill-fated 'British Antarctic Expedition' to the South Pole in 1911-1912. The group of five men attained the Pole on 17th January 1912 but sadly, perished as they attempted to return to their base camp.

July's meeting welcomed Mr Brian Spinks who spoke on the development of the Telescope which was most interesting.

August will see the group visit 'Fos Las' races where I'm sure they'll spend a penny or two !!!

Interested in joining ? Contact Mr Peter Bowen on 892358

Sad passing of Gosta Uhrfeldt

Many of you will remember Gosta as the husband of Olive who is the daughter of the late Ernie and Beatie Heal who lived for many years in Gorseinon Road, Penllergaer.

Gosta came over from Sweden to work in the offices of Swears and Wells (the Fur Factory—now Service House) where he met Olive. They later married and went on to have two sons Steffan and Alan who some of us will remember as classmates in Penllergaer school (now the Village Hall). They settled as a family in Sweden but regularly visited Wales as Gosta regarded Wales as his second home.

Gosta was 91 years of age when he recently passed away leaving his wife Olive, their two sons also grand and great-grandchildren.

Married to Olive for over 60 years he will be sadly missed especially by his family, his many friends locally also Pontardulais where as a couple they regularly attended the rehearsals and concerts of the Male Voice Choir.

A big man with a big heart - Gosta will be remembered with affection.

Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (PBCC)

Free Food and Bibles For All - There was nothing to pay and nothing to sign at a 'Pack and Pie' charity event in Penllergaer recently.

On Saturday 13th April the **PBCC** in Swansea hosted a free lunch for all at their hall in Phoenix Way, Garngoch and during the event, gave away free Bibles together with other Christian literature. One member of the public said 'the free lunch was excellent and I loved the free Bible pack'.

Members of the church were kept busy cooking Burgers and Chips, serving them with rolls, salad and hot and cold drinks. Men and women from the church were also available to assist with any questions or concerns.

The **PBCC** is a progressive, growing, worldwide Christian movement established in 1827 and there are more than 16,000 members in the UK who meet in over 300 gospel halls in approximately 100 assemblies throughout the country.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Mr Bernard Brown on 07848 452725

New (DRU) Yoga Class with Jan. This will be held each **Thursday at 7 pm until 8.30 pm in the Village Hall.** (£6 weekly). A taster lesson will take place on July 4th with no set charge but donations to charity will be most appreciated.

Monday night (HATHA) Yoga Class with Gill will recommence on September 9th 7pm until 8.30 pm. Current and new members welcome.

Hemiola Singers is made up of a group of young people aged 10 to 18 years of age. Leader and Conductor Mrs Delyth Holland is known for her continued support in the music field. Rehearsals are held each Monday evening from 6.30 to 7.30 pm in Gorseinon Institute where a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join this enthusiastic group of singers. For further information ring Delyth on 897979.

Village Hall Hire / Car Parking

Why not hire your Village Hall for those special occasions such as children's Birthday parties etc. Availability and hiring rates can be obtained from Louise John by telephoning her on 01792 896746

A reminder that parking in the Village Hall Car park is available only for those using the Hall.

Future editions

Your input for items in future editions would be most appreciated. Please forward items to the Editor by emailing christinepugh@uwclub.net or Clerk to the Community Council Mr David Hoskins by emailing davidllew@aol.com or via any one of your Community Councillors. We look forward to hearing from you.

