

PENLLERGAER Community Council's NEWSLETTER



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to issue 10 of your Community Council's Newsletter. July already !!! traditionally, a time when we welcome warmer weather to help us enjoy the summer holidays. In recent times, we have come to expect all the seasons in one day, but on a positive note, we recently enjoyed one of the hottest days for a very long time and here's hoping, there are lots more fine, hot and sunny days to come. As chairman, I ask the question, have you thought of becoming a Community Councillor ? April's meeting saw us extend a very warm welcome to Michelle Morgan of Parc Penllergaer who has joined us and will represent the East Ward. This leaves us with one vacancy to be filled. This is open to anyone interested, but in particular, a resident from Parc Penderri would be most welcomed as this area is not represented at the Council meetings. A warm welcome awaits you to join us at one of our monthly meetings and see the work we do. Meetings take place each second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Village Hall. For further information contact the Clerk to the Council Mr D. Hoskins on 01792 842228. **Wyn Morgan.**



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Since the last issue distributed in March, there's been lots happening within our village. The clubs and groups held regularly have been busy. They've enjoyed listening to interesting talks, holding fund raising events including visiting gardens in Italy. You may have noticed that Penllergaer is showing signs of being the place where people want to live. So, don't just sit back, join one or more of these busy and interesting groups and become one of the many 'Penllergaer Social Butterflies'. As always, I aim to keep you informed of events, past and present, but needless to say that without your input, my job would be a lot harder.

My grateful thanks goes out to you all for providing me with the information included in this newsletter - thank you. May I wish you all a very happy Summer break and look forward to catching up with you again before 'Santa' arrives. !!! Regards, **Christine Woosnam-Pugh**

Well Done and Congratulations to the Jones family of Llewelyn Road, Penllergaer.

Chris is seen here after finishing the Swansea half marathon held on Sunday 14th June. His daughter Katy is also pictured cutting the cake with her new husband Sean Snell during their wedding celebrations on Friday 26th June. Chris and his family have seen many changes since the beginning of 2015. With Katy and Sean's wedding day getting closer and the family wanting to become fitter and a little lighter, they took the bull by its horns and lost the incredible amount of 11.5 stone in weight. Made up of Chris losing 5 stone, his wife Yvonne 1.5 stone, daughter and bride Katy 3 stone together with her sister Amy 2 stone. Wow - well done to you all and don't they look fab.

In his plight to get fit and lose weight, Chris raised £1,300 by competing in the marathon and finished in just 1 hour and 58 minutes. A fantastic achievement which his mother Marlene and all his family are so proud of. Chris would like to convey his thanks to everyone who encouraged and sponsored him to raise this high sum of money which gives him great satisfaction in donating £1,100 for the research into Leukaemia, a condition his father Terry died of 30 years ago also, £200 towards research into Bowel Cancer. Sadly, this took the life of his step Dad, Robert Colwill in July 2014. You could say Chris now has the bug for running, as he intends competing in the Cardiff marathon to be held in October. We wish Chris well in Cardiff also Katy and Sean for a long and happy life together.



St David's Church

You are warmly welcomed to join us for our regular Sunday morning services at St David's in Penllergaer as follows:-

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.

In addition to the church services, there is a lot happening in the Llewelyn Hall throughout the week which includes, GFS, Gardening Club, Knitting Club, Over 60's, Cylch Meithrin with Thursday evenings being extremely busy with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Why not attend one or more of the services or join one of the groups - a very warm welcome awaits you.

Any enquiries regarding Church services or any of the Llewelyn Hall activities.

Contact Rev. Alan Bayes on 892603 / 07792846452 or email:

revalanbayes@aol.com

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. Icers, together with members of Penllergaer 'Crafters' are pictured handing over a cheque for £500 to the Gorseinon branch of 'Parkinsons'. This amount of money was raised during the 'Icers' and 'Crafters' Easter Fayre. Members were very pleased with the amount raised in aid of this valuable club held weekly in support of local sufferers.



Fancy joining Icers? Ring Wendy on 895330 or Louise John on 896746.

Over 60's This active group meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 2 p.m. in the Llewelyn hall. Since my last newsletter, the group have lost another two members namely, Gomer Lewis and Cyril Leather. They will be greatly missed. As part of their programme, the group have enjoyed a trip to Carmarthen for 'retail therapy' then on to Tenby via Amroth, which was a most enjoyable trip.

They also held a Summer Fayre and despite a poor turnout, they were really happy with the amount of money raised for their funds.

June saw them host the Gower area officers' meeting which are held every two months in a different area each time. A trip to Western Super Mare has been arranged for July which they are all looking forward to. New members welcomed ring Anna on 897299.

DIAMOND WEDDING

A congratulations card from the Queen was received by Mr Ken and Mrs Mary Minty of Ynyswerdd, Penllergaer on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on the 4th June, 1955 at the Unitarian Church in High Street, Swansea. Mary was the first bride to marry in this church to exercise the option to drop the word 'obey' as part of their wedding vows. A very bold thing to do back in 1955. They have lived happily in their Penllergaer home since July 1975 and have, for the past 25 years, enjoyed retirement. Prior to retirement, Ken taught joinery to Swansea City



Council apprentices with Mary enjoying a career with Swalec. On the 4th June, as part of their celebrations, both Ken and Mary enjoyed a family meal at the Brecon Castle with Mary's brother, nieces and nephews and on the 9th June, they celebrated with their neighbours, past and present, at the 'Tafarn y Deri' in Llanedi. Not wanting their celebrations to end, Ken hosted Mary and Penllergaer 'Ladies Social Circle' to lunch at the Black Horse in Pontardulais.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Llewelyn Hall. The speaker for the evening is kept a closely guarded secret until the night, which adds to the suspense.

June 23rd saw nineteen members visit the Kingsbridge for their end of season meal. The Guild continue to grow in membership but are always open to new and lapsed members. Why not come along to the next meeting to be held on 22nd September in the Llewelyn Hall. Interested ? Ring Wendy on 01792 895330.

Community of Christ

144 Gorseinon Road, Penllergaer

Services are held each Sunday at 11.30 a.m. A warm welcome awaits anyone wishing to join us for worship. For more information, contact Pastor Ken Turner on 01792 414920.

Plymouth Brethren Christian Church

Pheonix Way, Penllergaer

PBCC is a very busy church. For information regarding services please contact Mr Bernard Brown 07848 452725.

Llwchwr Probus Club

Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the 'Old Inn'. They enjoy lunch followed by a presentation from a guest speaker. August's meeting on the 13th will see Mr Paul Richards speak on "The Nabob's and Wales" and September's meeting will be on "The Suffragettes". Interested in joining ? Ring Dr. John Davies on 894778.

Penllergaer Men's Society

They meet each third Monday of the month at 7.30 pm. in the Llewelyn Hall followed by refreshments in the 'Old Inn'. The next meeting to be held on 20th July will see Mr P. Douglas Jones speak on the 'Burry Inlet Cocksles'. Thinking of joining ? Contact Mr Peter Bowen on 01792 205914.

Sports Field

The **Football** season starts back in September and will run until the following May.

Mini Soccer - Anyone interested in becoming a Manager ? We have a number of children interested, but no-one to lead these eager children. It would be great if someone showed an interest in leading and I'm sure someone will then come forward and support you. Interested ? contact Secretary Mr David Davies on 01792 517700.

Cricket -The season will finish at the end of August and will re-commence next May. New members are always welcomed. Contact Mr Ian Hoyles on 899983 for further information. Anyone interested in using the sports facilities can contact Councillor Tom John on 892519 or by emailing ena.john@hotmail.co.uk

Gorseinon and District Brass Band

Now in its fourth year since its formation and under Musical Director Bill Kervin, the band are looking to increase their playing membership to the full brass band complement of twenty six which does not include percussion. All players are welcomed but Cornet players in particular. Volunteer administrative staff are also needed, so if you have time to spare, a welcome awaits you. Rehearsals take place Thursdays 7-9pm at the New Loge, Alexandra Road, Gorseinon.

Anyone interested in joining the band as a player or supporter can call Mr W. Phillips on 892839.

Penllergaer Gardening Club A very active club who not only have regular monthly speakers but also get around visiting gardens of interest. June saw a large number of the group together with some members of Mawr walking group, visit Montecatini Terme in Tuscany, Italy. They visited many Villas and gardens during their holiday including Villa Puccini also the walled city of Pistoia. A visit to Pisa, Lucca, Florence and San Gimignano together with wine tasting were also included in the itinerary. The group are pictured here following a private tour around the gardens of Villa La Pietra. The group could also be seen boarding the funicular to Montecatini Alto. A place worth visiting. The holiday can be described as being one full of interest, fun and laughter, complemented by our tour manager Daniela Casa, - it was just what the doctor ordered.



Saturday 4th July saw members off on a day trip to Tintern Abbey also the village fete. They then moved on to visit Dewstow Hidden Gardens and Grottoes. Both were well worth visiting.

On Monday 13th July, the Gardening Club will hold their A.G.M. Chicken and Ham salad will be served followed by strawberries and cream. Saturday August 15th will see the Gardening Club hold their annual show in the Llewelyn Hall. Come along and enjoy the show together with light refreshments. The members look forward to seeing you there supporting them and maybe, becoming members yourselves!!

Busy Bees Day Nursery Open for business Monday to Friday in the Village Hall. The Nursery is open for children aged 0 to 5 years and provides a safe, caring and learning environment. Need the services of a Day Nursery ? Contact **Jayne or Christine on 895669**.

Village Hall (Hatha) Yoga classes with Gill are held on Monday evenings at 6.45pm until 8.30 pm (£5 weekly). Contact Gill on 882313 for further information.

(DRU) Yoga Classes with Jan are held each Thursday at 7pm until 8.30pm (£6 weekly in advance). First trial class, free of charge.

Karate classes with Dean are held each Tuesday. Children 6.30—7.30 pm and Adults 7.30—8.30 pm.

Raiki Share with Jennifer are held each third Wednesday of each month from 7—8.30 pm.

New members for the above classes are most welcome. Birthday parties can also be booked by ringing Louise John on 896746.

Open Garden Sunday, July 19th will once again, see Councillor Wendy Fitzgerald and Fitz open their garden to the public. This annual event which starts at 2pm, is always a huge success raising money for the local 'Forget Me Not' dementia group. As usual, there will be lots of cakes and all things nice, served with tea/coffee for all to enjoy. There will also be an opportunity to purchase farm produce in addition to a raffle. Your support for this worthy cause is always appreciated. Tell your friends and hope to see you in Clos Cilfwnwr. For more information, ring Wendy on 895330.

PENLLERGAER PLAYGROUND

You will have noticed, the children's playground on Gors Common is currently being revamped by City and County of Swansea. When the children of Penllergaer were consulted as to what they would like in the playground, a 'Zip Wire' was top of their wish list. I am pleased to report that the Community Council are going to fund this much wanted apparatus. We all look forward to its completion.

Penllergaer Primary School

The end of another academic year has come and what a busy one it has been at Penllergaer Primary School. The school are soon to be saying farewell to Mrs Williams, (on the left), the nursery teacher who is retiring after 37 years at the school. Headteacher Mrs Woolcock and her team wish Mrs Williams a long, happy and healthy retirement and wish to thank her for her commitment and professionalism over the years. The school also bid a fond goodbye to Mrs Davies (on the right) who is leaving to take up a management post at Burlais Primary School. Mrs Davies is wished lots of luck and best wishes in her new school and a huge thank you for all the hard work she has



put into the school over the past 17 years. Both teachers have touched and nurtured so many young lives - they will be greatly missed.



Headteacher Mrs Woolcock, together with her team, convey their grateful thanks to everyone who supported the Junior School's Summer production of 'Ye ~ Ha'.

The 'cast' can be seen here following a well deserved, standing ovation from a very appreciative audience. Congratulations and thanks goes out to all the children involved, also to the staff who worked so hard with the children in preparing for this lively, creative and amusing production.

Thanks also to the PTA who have been very active raising funds for yard games also for an adventure playground in addition to planning the school fete, which was a resounding success. Parents and Grandparents have also been busy painting fences and cutting bushes. Many thanks goes out to them also. Year 6 Assembly will be held on Wednesday 15th July at 9.20 a.m. Tissues will be at the ready !!! Child care will continue to be provided next year—preschool and after school clubs, for Reception to Year 6 pupils. Preschool club starts at 7.55 to 8.20am at a cost of £1 per child. Free Breakfast Club starts 8.20 (last entry 8.35am) booking essential. The aim is to open a Wrap Around Nursery (affordable quality care) for children 3 to 4 years of age. Please contact the school for details. School ends for pupils on Friday 17th July and resumes 2nd Sept. Mrs Woolcock sends her best wishes for a wonderful Summer. School's website :- www.penllergaer.swansea.sch.uk

Penllergaer Crafters Craft classes are held fortnightly on Wednesday mornings at 10 am in the Boiler Room, which is part of the Village Hall on Pontardulais Road.

Members are seen here handing over the jointly made quilt to raffle winner - Mrs Jean Thomas. Jean was delighted to have won the quilt and was only too pleased to have supported the raffle which raised £250 for 'Ty Hafan'.



This busy group recently visited the 'Welsh Valley Alpacas' at Felindre which was well worth the visit.



The group wish to convey their grateful thanks to Steve and Sue Heatherington for their welcome.

Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin / Welsh language Playgroup

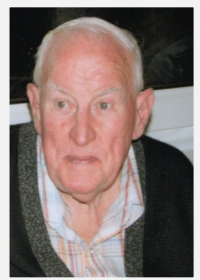
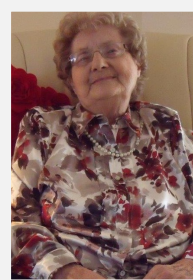
The 'Tia Fi' / Mother and Toddler playgroup is run by Mrs Mary Lewis and is held each Thursday morning from 9.15 am until 11.10 am in the Llewelyn Hall. The Penllergaer group, established in the 1980's is open to both English and Welsh speakers. Geared for children from birth to 4 years, the playgroup gives the opportunity for children and their carers to have a chance to communicate in both Welsh and English. Mary also holds a 'Cylch Meithrin' Welsh Playgroup each Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 12.45 pm until 2.45 pm. These sessions are for carers to leave their children with Mary and her team and are for children of 2 years and up to 4 years until they commence school.

A fund raising event in the form of a 'Curry night' was recently held in Radini's, Gorseinon. This is becoming an annual event which is always well supported. Mary would like to thank everyone who attended on the night. By the time you read this newsletter, the playgroup will have visited the Community Farm in Fforestfach also, they will have enjoyed their end of term party.

The Playgroup will return on the 9th and 10th of September for the start of a new term. We wish all the adults and children a very happy summer break.

Need to contact Mary ? ring 898652.

A Fond Farewell



Sadly, Penllergaer have bid farewell to a few more long standing members of our community. Namely, Mrs Annie Jones of Gorseinon Road, Miss Phyllis Badger of Ryan Close, Mrs Margaret Glen of Orchard Grove also Mr Benny Miles of Gorseinon Road. We also pay tribute to the loss of Mrs Mair Williams who had lived in Dillwyn Road from childhood. As a community, we extend our sincere sympathies to all the families in their great loss and will remember their loved ones as the people who helped shape our village as it is today. *They live on in our memories.*

**PENLLERGARE VALLEY WOODS
POTTING SHED SALE**



Saturday 23rd May saw the return of the Potting Shed Sale organised by the Friends of Penllergare Valley Woods. Once again, Penllergaer Gardening Club supported the sale by having their own stall and sharing their profits with the Friends. The weather was kind this year - unlike last year when it rained most of the day. The takings by the Friends was just over £3,000 - an excellent result which will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Valley Woods. Gardening Club members are seen here enjoying the sale and wish to thank all club members who donated plants and vegetables including all other items which were sold to raise funds. A very enjoyable event.

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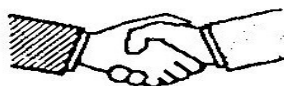
Thinking of hiring the hall for that special occasion ? Ring Louise John on 01792 896746 for rates etc.

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

Your input for future editions is gratefully valued. Contact Councillor Christine Pugh or Clerk to the Council Mr David Hoskins - contact details are on the front page of this edition.

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