

# Coed-y-Paen News

March 2015

**1 April - Reservoir Visitor Centre and Circular trail** will open with a guided walk at 10am. Look out for villagers' views on this exciting new local amenity on the newlook website [www.coedypaen.net](http://www.coedypaen.net)

## **Residents Association News**

The AGM was held in February and a new committee elected. It comprises: John Hargreaves (Chair), Sue Rogers (Sec), Hilary Jones (Treas), Gina Davies, Gerald Davies, Dennis Perkins, Kim Ricketts, Graham Rogers, Clare Scarborough, Jean Scarborough, Dave Walsh (coopted).

After the AGM, Graham Rogers gave a presentation of the main points emerging from the Community Led Plan – a copy of which has been delivered to each property. If you didn't get one, or need another copy, please contact Graham (672170). The Residents Association and Community Council will attempt to address the issues raised.

The new committee has had its first meeting and come up with many ideas including new events such as a Fete, theatre visit to the Millennium Centre, a pub quiz, a 'Big Lunch' as well revival of Poems & Pints to include all sorts of literary snippets, Goff Brangham's talks, village walks and a garden visit.

As well as village events, the committee talked about which of the CLP actions it should deal with first. Dennis Perkins has taken on the job of encouraging more residents to sign up to **OWL**:

*"OWL keeps communities safe, helps reduce crime and keeps people informed of what's going on locally. It's a shared, secure platform for the public and local authorities to maximise the potential of **Neighbourhood Watch**, Rural Watch, Business Watch and dozens of other schemes. OWL sends you the latest local*

*crime alerts and provides management tools for maintaining and expanding watches."*

One message earlier in the year was to inform us of a property logging website [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). On that website you can register your valuables anything from mobile phones, bikes, tools, electricals and gardening equipment. It's free to register and takes just a few minutes to sign up. Ownership details can be viewed by police across the country.

## **Village Website: [www.coedypaen.net](http://www.coedypaen.net)**

A new-look village website has just been launched. All the technical work has been done by Dave Walsh (Woodman's Cottage) who has also had to teach me how to update the content. It's actually not difficult, so I hope to keep it up to date with any items of interest. It has News posts on the Home page, most recent at the top, with links to earlier posts. The Home page also has a weather forecast so it could be your first port of call each day! Various pages are accessed from the top drop down menu and I hope the 'Events' page will soon have lots of village events to advertise.

*Sue Rogers*

## **Church News**

Ian Scarborough and Olwen Howard are now the Wardens and Janet Hargreaves is the new Treasurer of Christchurch. Other PCC members are Cilla Davies and Dianne Oakley.

**Regular services** at Christchurch are Holy Eucharist - **1st Sunday** in the month at 9am  
Evensong - **3rd Sunday** in the month at 6.30pm.  
Combined Services places and times can be found on the Church noticeboard.

A Congregational meeting will be held on **Wednesday April 1st at 7.30pm** at

Jancariad (Scarborough's) to which all are welcome. This meeting reviews the previous Church year and plans the events for the year ahead.

**On April 12th in St Mary's Usk at 6.00pm** The Rev'd Kevin Hasler will be installed as **Vicar of the Ministry Area**. He will be soon joined by The Rev'd Graham Opperman as part time Associate Priest. The Rev'd Pam Love will be ordained to full priesthood at the end of June.

The new Area, of which our 4 churches are now a part, will cover 10 churches altogether from the surrounding Usk area.

### **Services in Christchurch**

**5th April, Easter Sunday, 9.00am**

Holy Eucharist celebrated by Canon Arthur Edwards

**19th April Evensong at 6.30pm** celebrated by the Rev'd Kevin Hasler

*Ian Scarborough*

### **Llangybi Community Council News**

I have taken delivery of a defibrillator for the village. It is currently with Sue and me at Pictor (in the Close) until we have a properly installed box for it. It is what is known as a PAD - a Public Access Defibrillator - so the box will be located outside, will not be locked and will be accessible at all times. Anyone can use it without any training because it has an inbuilt voice recording which talks a user through the procedure. It even assesses the patient and will not actuate if it senses that giving a shock is inappropriate. We have not settled on a precise location for the defibrillator yet, but it will be somewhere in the vicinity of the church/bus shelter.

Having said that no training is required, I will, however, be organising training sessions from a professional ambulance service first responder who will run through the operation of the defibrillator as well as giving basic instruction in CPR. To gauge how many sessions I need to set up, it would be helpful if you could let me know (by phone on 672170) if you would like to come along. The sessions will be held in the Carpenters in

the evenings (though if evenings are not possible for you, let me know and I will try to arrange a session around lunchtime).

For your information, the community council have already installed a defibrillator outside the Village Hall in Llangybi, and will also be installing one in Llandegfedd (probably in their telephone box).

*Graham Rogers*

### **Llanbadoc Community Council News**

The Cefn Ila circular walk is now open and guides to local walks are on our website <http://llanbadoc.org/> and in the village library. The Llandegfedd Reservoir Circular Trail will open on 1 April (with a guided walk starting at 10 am from the top car park) and will soon appear on our website as Walk #7.

*Hilary Jones*

### **LPG Group Buying**

A new contract is due so Alan Rees will be contacting everyone on the group buying scheme in early May. If you use gas, aren't on the scheme and want to know more, email [coedypaenresidents@gmail.com](mailto:coedypaenresidents@gmail.com) and it will get to Alan.

### **Hope & Homes for Children**

Carol and the committee would like to thank all those who contributed to and attended the 'Christmas Buffet' at The Old School. An incredible amount of £859 (including gift aid) was raised. The evening was enhanced by the early arrival of Santa, bearing gifts for the ladies! Thank you again for your generosity.

*Carol Orchard*

Carol recently hosted a 'Late Burns Night Supper' in aid of Hope & Homes. She was again overwhelmed at the generosity of her guests and thinks this raised a further £500 for the charity. Thank you everyone who contributed.

### **Next newsletter**

If you have any items for the next Newsletter, please send them to the editor, Sue Rogers, via [coedypaenresidents@gmail.com](mailto:coedypaenresidents@gmail.com) or call on 672170.