

# Coed-y-Paen News

March 2017

## **Forthcoming Events**

**5 April**, 7.30pm, in the Carpenters Arms.  
'Crime Prevention at Home' – a talk from our Community Support Officers, Stephen Cowles and Chris Watkins (members of the Monmouth Neighbourhood Policing Team) including (credit card) scams and rogue traders.

## **Residents Association News AGM**

13 villagers attended the AGM on 17 Feb – a small number but all were committed to the continuation of the association. John Hargreaves (Chairman) outlined the 7 or so events which had taken place during the year, some of which are recorded on the website, in particular mentioning the highly popular Treasure Hunt and Hog Roast, Summer Barbecue and Christmas Dinner.

John gave a special thank you to Val Clare who, whilst walking her dog every day of the year collects rubbish from our roads and as a thankyou presented her with 2 bottles of wine.

The committee elected for the next year is:  
Chairman      John Hargreaves  
Secretary     Sue Rogers  
Members      Gerald Davies, Di Oakley, Nick  
                    Morley, Dennis Perkins, Lynn Perryman,  
                    Mary Sander, Jean Scarborough  
Community Councillor      Graham Rogers

**Bus Shelter** - It was unanimously agreed that given its state of disrepair it should be dismantled, leaving the substantial bench on the concrete base. The area around it would be tidied and views sought, within a year, on whether anything else should be done.

**Telephone Box/ Library** – the new paint and bright light has revamped the library, but there is still work to do such as replacement of the shelves and making bookends. The committee welcomes offers of help and ideas for keeping it tidy!

**Hedges** – after last year's AGM, Graham and I met with Martin Evans of Mon CC and pointed out those which need attention – with some limited result. It is apparently the responsibility of the owner of the land adjacent a road to maintain the boundary hedges but Mon CC will only intervene if they encroach on the highway.

**Best Kept Village** - we were highly commended this year, and with last year's work on the phone box and that proposed for the bus shelter we hope to do even better in 2017. If everyone keeps their stretch of frontage and road tidy, we could do well!

**Gutters and drains** – always a bone of contention, but the committee was urged to request cleaning by Mon CC. (I have now written, but it will require a change of policy to obtain more than one clean per year ...I will try.)

**Broadband** – we now have 18 properties in the village receiving speeds of over 30 Mbps, so phase 1 of the project is nearly complete!! Trevor Mosedale, Rural Technologies Wales, has encountered many problems along the way, but in the last fortnight has established a stable 'wireless backhaul'. Access Broadband Cymru have been efficient in paying our grant claims, and Trevor has refunded our upfront payments promptly – so many happy people! If you haven't so far expressed an interest and would like to know more, please get in touch. Netflix and Amazon Prime are no longer merely dreams! I understand Welsh Water are paying for the installation of a fibreoptic link to the Visitor Centre – you may have seen ducting being laid through the village. BT have not said it will be available to residents along the route.

*Sue Rogers*

## **Church News**

Services at Christchurch continue as usual with the first Sunday in the month Holy Eucharist at 9am and the third Sunday Evensong at 6 30pm. Other services in the parish will be notified on the church notice board.

On Sunday March 26th at 10 am, there will be a special **Mothering Sunday** service conducted by Rev Graham Opperman. Everyone welcome, bring your children, grandchildren - bring your mother !!

Arrangements for Easter

**Good Friday** April 14th at Llanbadoc - Service of Devotion, readings and music 2pm to 3pm  
**Easter Day.** April 16<sup>th</sup> - Holy Eucharist at 9am at Coed y Paen

*Olwen Howard*

### **Llangybi Fawr Community Council**

This year is election year for county and community councils and elections will be held on Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May. Llangybi community council has two seats for the Coed-y-Paen ward. Being a community councillor is not an arduous job and has its moments (sometimes!). It is an opportunity to try to bring about improvements for the local community. If anyone is interested in becoming a community councillor, I would be happy to talk to them about what is involved - give me a ring on 672170.

#### **Report to the AGM:**

The Council purchased, and Mon CC erected, a new village sign at Pentrewaun, making a better welcome to the village on the top road.

A further defibrillator training session has been held, giving more neighbours confidence in how to deal with an emergency.

A speedwatch group has been formed in Llangybi and has been monitoring speeds (using equipment supplied by the police) through the village for several months. So far they have detected 50 speeding motorists. Each is reported to the police who write a warning letter to the driver. The group in Llangybi has noticed that traffic has definitely slowed over the time they have been monitoring. Extending the scheme to CyP is thought to be unnecessary where inappropriate rather than illegal speeds seem to be the problem.

The Community Council has a new website, [www.llangybi.org](http://www.llangybi.org) with details of Councillors, minutes of meetings, links to Mon CC planning, local walks, events, and links to other sites.

*Graham Rogers*

### **Llanbadoc Community Council Report to the AGM:**

The telephone box at Llanbadoc has been painted and holders attached to the inside which are full of the walks in the area and dog poo bags!

We are working alongside Welsh Water to develop 3 more walks that can be walked all year round. These should be available for the better weather.

The Pathcare team were nominated again, for two awards for the work they do in path clearance, fencing etc.

Which leads me on to the news that the website, [www.llanbadoc.org](http://www.llanbadoc.org), is about to be updated so please do check us out!!

Planings have been delivered to Llanbadoc Island Car Park and our Pathcare group are going to use these to fill in the pot holes in the car park. Monmouthshire County Council have given training to the group on how to fill in pot holes. This I wonder is in anticipation of making community councils responsible for pot holes in their areas!

*Hilary Jones*

### **Events at the Reservoir**

The Llandegfedd website has a page detailing events on the res. – check it out at <http://www.llandegfedd.co.uk/whats-on>

Over the weekend of 20-21 May there will be a repeat of the Supbikerun which will involve competitors running and cycling around the area as well as stand-up paddle boarding on the res. Details of the course for the bike and run parts are not yet available, but I hope to publish them to the village beforehand.

### **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.