

Coed-y-Paen News

October 2015

Residents Association News

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 3 Nov, 7.30pm. Talk 'A Tale of Two Villages' by Goff Brangham, in the Carpenters Arms.

Wednesday 9 Dec, 7 for 7.30pm Village Christmas Dinner, in the Carpenters Arms.

Thursday 21 Jan. Pub Quiz.

Wednesday 17 Feb. AGM.

Tuesday 1 March, Poems & Pints / Wine & Words

To reserve your place at the village Christmas Dinner, put your names in the book in the Carps. You will be asked to pre-order from the Christmas menu (see Matt's website) near the time.

The pantomime visit was not well supported so Kim had to release most of the reserved tickets back to the New Theatre.

Best Kept Village

Sadly we have lost our title of Best Kept Village in Gwent. In our category (<200 inhabitants), the best kept pub was the Hunter's Moon in Llangatock Lingoed, best village hall was Llangwm (runner up Redwick), best churchyard was Newchurch (runner up Llangwm), and best kept village was Redwick, runner up Newchurch.

In the other categories, the overall winners (and runners up) were:
201 - 400: Shirenewton (Llanvair Discoed)
401- 1000: Devauden (Llanellen)
1001 - 5000: Raglan (highly commended: Rogiet & Bassaleg)

The judges were quite complimentary about our village, in particular about the pub

grounds and churchyard and the general lack of litter, however they thought the bus shelter was in need of some attention.

Community Led Plan

Speeding: Dennis Perkins, assisted by Roger Hargreaves, has done some analysis of the traffic through the village including routes taken and an estimate of speed. We look forward to a full report.

Footpaths: Graham Rogers has contacted Morag Sinton, Mon CC's Countryside Volunteer Coordinator, who is responsible for Monmouthshire's network of rights of way. He (together with Gerald Davies and myself) has sampled the sort of training she provides to enable volunteers to assess local footpaths, report any problems and, where appropriate, carry out some basic maintenance. If you would be interested in becoming involved in this work, let Graham know at :- grahamrogers646@btinternet.com and he will organise a training session from Morag.

Mobile phone coverage: EE offered to talk to us about providing low coverage aerials on up to 4 properties in the village – giving 3G coverage for EE, Orange & O2 users. However, there would be an annual power cost to the village of £150 - £250 per aerial so we thought this was not worth pursuing.

Sue Rogers

Church News

With the sudden death of Ian Scarborough, the church has lost a wise and loyal friend, whose building knowledge has been invaluable both here and in the wider benefice. He will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean and the family.

The regular services at Christchurch remain as follows:

1st Sunday of month, Holy Eucharist at **9am**

3rd Sunday of month, Evensong at **6.30pm**.

The times and location of other services in the benefice are displayed on the church noticeboard.

Our thanks to all those who helped make the summer barbecue such a success, particularly Sue and Graham for hosting it in their beautiful garden. A total of £610 was raised.

Many thanks also to all who contributed to the Harvest Celebrations. A large quantity of tinned and dried goods was sent to the Eastern Valley Foodbank. **£150** was sent to Raven House as the result of the sale of produce at the Harvest Supper. Thanks to Matt for the excellent buffet on that occasion.

Jean and I are putting together the Carol Service for December 24th and would be very grateful for any suggestions for readings and/or carols. If you would like to take a lead part in the service we would be very glad to hear from you, but in any case all are welcome!

Olwen Howard

Llangybi Fawr Community Council News

Community Speedwatch: We have signed up to this scheme which provides local volunteers with the equipment to measure vehicle speeds in their locality. The identity of any speeding vehicles needs to be recorded and reported to the police. Any repeat offenders receive a warning letter from the police. The police require a minimum of seven volunteers in a team so that regular monitoring can take place. Llangybi village is sure that it can fill such a team – would any of Coed-y-Paen's residents be interested in taking part? Unfortunately, at the moment, Gwent Police have no more funds to equip more teams, but are hoping this will change in the not too distant future. I will do a trawl for volunteers next month.

Bus Shelter: I have at last been able to establish ownership of the bus shelter. After much chasing Mon CC have confirmed that they have no interest in it and ownership now resides with Llangybi Community Council. I am sure that the council will agree to any reasonable suggestions regarding its future, and may possibly be able to help out with some financial assistance.

Defibrillator: I am aware that there are several volunteers awaiting training. I have been asked to coordinate with Llandegfedd residents for training, so I will come up with some dates as soon as I can. If anyone would like to attend the training (I can recommend it as it is an instructive and entertaining couple of hours), and hasn't previously expressed an interest to me, let me know by email at grahamrogers646@btinternet.com.

Planning: Most of you will know by now that a new planning application has been filed for the site adjacent The Mount. The Application Reference is DC/2015/01019, and details can be seen on the Mon CC website under planning –'view applications online'.

Graham Rogers

Hope & Homes for Children Christmas Buffet

Carol Orchard will host her traditional Christmas fundraising event at The Old School on Saturday 28 November, 7 for 7.30. BYO drinks. There will be a raffle and Santa will arrive with gifts for the ladies.

All are welcome, but please reserve your place as soon as possible (by phoning Carol on 672270) as the invitation will be extended to friends outside the village.

Next newsletter

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