



Chairman's Address

We are now coming towards the end of the Municipal year, with the council AGM due in May. Looking back on the year, I have undertaken too many duties as Chairman to mention in detail. One of the highlights of the year of course is the annual visit of Father Christmas. We had an excellent turnout of several hundred people and I am

sure that all the youngsters had a great time.

The Chair also has the formidable task of judging the Christmas lights, something that takes a lot of time to get around everywhere! Could I congratulate all those who were prize-winners but also everyone who took the trouble to brighten up the village for the festive season.

I enlisted some professional help for our other competition – the gardens. There were, as usual, some great displays and it was very difficult to pick out the winners so, again, congratulations to the winners and everyone who makes a good job of presenting the best side of our community to both residents and visitors.



Mr & Mrs Wheeler pictured receiving a gift, flowers and our very best wishes from the Community Council, following over 50 years of service to the community with their Butcher's business.

We wish them a very long and happy retirement!!



FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT DECEMBER 2nd
FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ADVERTISED ON WEBSITE AND NOTICES AROUND VILLAGE



FREE Summer Play Scheme

22nd July – 22nd August



Again, this year, your Community Council will be arranging and sponsoring summer activities for 5 weeks, based at Llanbradach Community Centre. If the weather is anything like last year's, fingers crossed, most of the sporting activities will take place outdoors.

Dance and craft sessions, run by Cariann Emanuelli of Step 2, will be held every Monday & Wednesday 10am – 3pm Starting on: 22nd July until 21st August.

The sporting activities, run by CCBC's Sporting Development Team, will be held every Tuesday & Thursday 10am – 3pm on: Starting 23rd July until 22nd August

As in past years the minimum age is 7 years and the maximum is 12 years.

You will need to provide a packed lunch, but a tuck shop will be open for snacks on Mondays & Wednesdays only. We operate an open-door

allowed entry to the schemes. Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact one of your Community Councillors or the Council Clerk.

All staff have been DBS checked. Consent forms, contact details and declarations will need to be signed on the first day and will be destroyed at the end of the 5-week session, in line with our new Data Protection Regulations.

PANTOMIME

Given its popularity last year we will be having TWO performances this year.... Oh no we're not... oh yes, we are!!

At Christmas we had a sell-out performance!! Once Upon a Time Theatre Company performed Hansel & Gretel at Llanbradach Community Centre to a packed-out hall.

From the very positive feedback we received and tickets selling in a couple of hours it became clear that we needed to stage another performance this year. So put the date in your diary ...



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TWINNING

It is 25 years since the Twinning agreement was signed between Llanbradach and Ploubezre in Brittany. In that time many people have enjoyed going to Brittany or receiving our twinning friends in Wales. The milestone will be recognised this year during the bi-annual visit of the Twinning Association to Lannion and Ploubezre.

The visit is taking place for five days at the end of July and will also include visits to various places of interest in the area. Our Junior footballers are also visiting Brittany at the end of May. There are still some places available for both visits.

For further details contact Colin Mann on 07500 057096; by email – colinmann@caerphilly.gov.uk or on Messenger

COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANTS

Every year your Community Council makes small grants available to various organizations within the Llanbradach and Pwlllypant villages.

Larger grants may be available in special circumstances, either way we will require details of your income & expenditure to qualify under this heading.

Please download a Financial Assistance application form from the website or email the Clerk: mortic1@caerphilly.gov.uk or ask one of your Community Councillors for a form. Please get in touch if you require assistance to complete the form.

Can you help?

Coed Y Brain Primary School is a forward thinking, friendly team who work hard for our children and community.

We have 2 vacancies on the Governing Body and would welcome your support .

We are looking for 2 Community Governors, one nominated by the Community Council.

We meet termly for Governing Body meetings; we review the standards, curriculum and resources. We get involved and help the school on its learning journey.

For an informal chat please contact Mrs Jo Smith, Headteacher on 02920852513

www.coedybrainprimaryschool.co.uk

Chair of Governors – Mrs D Williams

Community Centre Future

Caerphilly County Borough Council had set out proposals on how Community Centres would be run and funded from this new financial year. Fortunately, the decision has been deferred until 2020 financial year. In light of those proposals the current Community Centre Management Committee called a Public Meeting on Monday 25th March with the hope of gaining interest from residents to become members of the Management Committee and Trustees for the Charity, associated with the running of the Community Centre. Disappointingly only 11 residents turned up to the meeting. Out of those 6 residents expressed an interest in attending future meetings and helping where they can. Unfortunately, if we are unable to find more committee members and trustees there is a serious risk that the Community Centre will have to close at the end of next year.

The Parish of Ystrad Mynach and Llanbradach is served by the Holy Trinity Church in Ystrad Mynach, since the closure of the All Saints' Church, and they would like to outreach to as many people in Llanbradach as possible to advise them of the FREE Community Cinema Club they run...

'Our Community Cinema Club is held normally on the third Thursday of each month in the Church Hall of Holy Trinity on Nelson Road Ystrad Mynach'.



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Llanbradach & Pwllypant
Community Council



COMMUNITY AWARDS

PLEASE NOMINATE A PERSON (WITH THEIR PERMISSION) FOR ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

Sporting Achievement
Community Volunteer
Young Citizen's Award (up to 18 years)

Please hand your nominations to your local Councillor or send via email to:
mortic1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Closing Date:
31st August 2019

Llanbradach Community Centre

The Community Centre continues to be very busy with a great range of activities going on throughout the week. Below is a timetable of our regular events...

Monday

5.30 - 8.30pm private hire Shapelles

Tuesday

4.30 - 8.00pm Lets dance (Tap & Modern dance for children 5-13 Contact Cath 07817822945)

Wednesday

9.00am-12.00 baby clinic (every 2nd week) 7.45-9.00pm Yoga Contact Joanne 07783772675

Thursday 6.00 - 8.00pm Youth Club

Friday

Saturday & Sunday

Available for parties and private functions

2nd Monday every month Community Council

For bookings please contact Catherine Thomas on 07818 822945

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VACANCY
Relief Caretaker
Post

The Community Centre is looking for a Relief Caretaker to cover opening and closing on weekends and to cover, as required, when the full time Caretaker is on annual leave or sick. If anyone is interested & for more information please contact Rob Gough (Chairman) on 02920867982

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As many of you will know, Girls' Brigade has been in existence in Llanbradach for many years. Some of you may remember it as the Girls' Guildry which must have been formed in the early 1950s which later became known as the Girls' Brigade in the mid-1960s.

The company closed sometime in the late 1960's and later reopened in 1977.

We have seen many changes over the years, i.e. fashion, technology and especially attitude but one thing has remained the same throughout. I refer to the fact that we are a Christian organisation and the young people are welcome to join with us under such a framework. We cover many aspects of daily living, i.e. physical, educational, service and spiritual, but everything is run under the Christian ethos. The young people are encouraged to respect themselves, those around them and their environment. A certain conduct of behaviour is encouraged and expected from all those attending.

We are delighted to share some fantastic news with you. Three of our girls have achieved their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award during the last 12 months. Teri-Louise Moorcraft received her Award at Buckingham Palace last May and Isabel Jones and Mollie Parfitt will be receiving theirs at Buckingham Palace in May of this year. Two of the girls have gone on to University and one is an Outdoor Activities Instructor. We very much miss them on a Friday evening but are thrilled with their success. Well done! Another of our group, Rhianedd Smith, is nearing the end of her Gold Award and we should see her receiving that special invite to the Palace soon. Rhianedd has also been with us for many years and is preparing for University this year. We will very much miss Rhianedd; she is such an encouragement to us and a great example to those in the Youth Group.

We have run the DofE Award Scheme over many years but

currently do not have anyone else participating in this, mainly due to the age range of those attending the Youth Group.

Our ages range from 4½ upwards. The girls in the younger sections (those in Primary and Junior School) meet from 6.30 pm to 8 pm with the Youth Group (those in Comprehensive School) meeting from 8 pm to 9.30 pm. We meet on a Friday evening during term time at the Ebenezer Church Hall.

If you have any queries about the Girls' Brigade/Youth Group, then please do not hesitate to drop in on a Friday evening.

Lynne, Michelle, Carol, Louise & Dani
1st Llanbradach Girls' Brigade & Youth Group

Coed-Y-Brain eco committee have been working very hard over the past two years to develop our school grounds. Last year we focused on developing our eco garden and school-based allotment areas; a big thank you to Nick Stott for his guidance and volunteering and Counsellor Gough. This year we are looking to develop our school grounds further; both yards, and we are looking for funding to support these ventures. If you would like to donate some plants or gardening equipment to the school, please contact the school office.

A big thank you to all who have been working with us to solve the parking issues outside the school. A polite reminder to please not park on the zig zags outside the school gates. They are for the health and safety of all pedestrians entering and leaving the school.

Several children who are part of our pupil voice committee visited and presented at a cluster schools' event. The event was an opportunity to share, discuss and collaborate on what schools, pupils have been working on and achieving in their school.

We would also like to express our thanks to the probation service for their hard work in painting the school fence.

Thank you to all members of our community for their continued support.

The articles in the newsletter are supplied to the Community Council by people from the organisation they represent. We do our best to ensure that spellings are correct, but we prefer to publish as it is given to us