

Coed-y-Paen News

September 2014

Diary of Events:

21 October 7.30: Harvest Supper in the Carpenters Arms.

29 October 8pm: Local History talk. Upstairs in The Carpenters Arms.

15 November: Cheese & Wine evening at the Scarborough's (see Church News)

17 December from 7pm: Christmas Dinner in The Carpenters Arms.

2015

6 January - Playreading: 'Under Milk Wood'

Residents Association News

Local History Talk

Well-known local historian Geoff Brangham will give a talk entitled "A tale of two villages - Pontnewydd and Cwmbran". His previous talks have been a great success and all local residents and friends are welcome. The venue is upstairs in the Carpenters Arms on 29th October at 8.00pm.

Village Christmas Dinner

Matt will serve this year's Village Christmas Dinner in The Carpenters Arms on Wednesday 17th December from 7.00pm. This is always a popular evening for local residents so please reserve your place. Matt will shortly publish the Christmas menu and prices on his website

<http://www.thecarpenterscoedypaen.co.uk>

Please email your choices to Hilary Jones at hilary536@btinternet.com who will coordinate our requirements with Matt.

Committee retirements

The village is losing two hardworking members of the committee who are moving to pastures new.

Lionel Demery has been the Association's treasurer for several years and has been instrumental in setting up and facilitating the Coed-y-Paen website. He also acted as official photographer for the website. We wish Lionel and Helen an enjoyable future in their new home.

Andrew Wilkinson was the Association's chairman for some years. He was instrumental in organizing many events. Of particular note was his organisation of "Any Questions" which brought local personalities to the village. He skillfully chaired these events making them meaningful as well as very entertaining. We also wish Andrew and Bridget an enjoyable future in their new home

We are pleased to be able to call upon David Walsh, of Woodmans Cottage, who has agreed to take on the task of Technical Administrator of the website and Sue Rogers will take on the role of Copy Editor. Hilary Jones will be Treasurer.

Volunteers to join the committee will be very welcome. Please contact any committee member for details.

Speeding Vehicles

Speeding vehicles is a concern for many residents in the village, as well as around the lanes. Whilst an ideal solution currently eludes us, we propose the following way forward. If you see a vehicle travelling too fast for the conditions in the lanes, or exceeding the speed limit in the village, note the registration number, place and date/time plus any other relevant information (type of vehicle, colour, name of company if commercial) and email the details to Hilary Jones at hilary536@btinternet.com who will compile a list for discussion with the local police.

John Hargreaves

Best Kept Village

For the second year in succession Coed-y-Paen has been named Gwent Best Kept Village (up to 200 residents). Receiving special mention were the well kept pub and splendid phone box library. Thank you everyone who keeps the village looking great!

Village Open Gardens

After a prompt from the NGS County Coordinator, the organisers of previous

events in the village got together and decided they could not commit at this time to organising an event next year. Maybe 2015 ... it would be good to involve different gardens each time.

Sue Rogers

LPG Group Buying

The present bulk Contracts will need to be re-negotiated in the 3rd quarter 2015 and the more households involved the better the leverage in terms of negotiation with the various providers. We will not be around in the village then so I am seeking a volunteer to take over the negotiations which are not unduly onerous. If you are interested and want to learn more can you please let me know by the end of September 2014 on Andrew@wilkusk.plus.com If beyond that date please make contact with Chris Hughes on 925cjh@gmail.com Similarly if you are interested in joining the syndicate or learning more about it please let one or the other of us know.

Andrew Wilkinson

Church News

Services at Christchurch Coed y paen are:
1st Sunday - Holy Eucharist at 9am
3rd Sunday - Evensong at 6.30pm
All other services in the Benefice are on the church noticeboard.

Sunday 19 Oct at 6.30pm Harvest Festival

Harvest Supper is on Tuesday October 21st at 7.30pm in the Carpenters Arms. Produce welcome for sale in aid of local charities. Tinned or dried goods (with a long shelf life) welcome for Raven House Trust food bank. There will be a hot supper, cost tba. Please book yourselves for it at the pub.

A **Cheese and Wine** fundraising evening will be on 15 November at Jancariad (Ian and Jean Scarborough) - details nearer the time.

Everyone is welcome to all of the above.

The Village Barbeque in August was a great success and raised £530 for church funds. Sincere thanks are due to Graham and Sue Rogers for hosting it, to Roger Morgan for providing the lamb and to James Morris for the excellent sausages and burgers. Graham did a great job on the barbeque, people brought delicious salads and there were lots

of bottles in the raffle but Canon Arthur Edwards won some pork chops kindly donated by James Morris! A good time was had by all in the sunshine!

Jean Scarborough

Llangybi Community Council News

Planning Matters

The planning application to erect a dwelling on the land adjacent The Mount was refused by the Planning Committee in July. We believe the applicant is considering an appeal, and you may have seen an alternative proposal that may form the basis of a new application.

Defibrillator

We have been successful in our bid for a defibrillator to be located in Llangybi although we are still waiting for it to be delivered. We have now submitted a further bid for two more to be located in Coed-y-Paen and Llandegfedd.

Other

You have probably noticed the poor state of the council noticeboard. I am pleased to say that with financial help from Monmouthshire CC, we have acquired a replacement which will be installed shortly.

Graham Rogers

Community Led Plan

All members of the steering group found themselves tied up with other things for most of the year so the drafting of the plan got delayed. However it is in progress and will be presented to the village at an Open Meeting before long!

Sue Rogers

Next newsletter

If you have any items for the next Newsletter, please send them to the editor, Sue Rogers, at suerogers454@btinternet.com or call on 672170.