

# Coed-y-Paen News

May 2019

## Forthcoming Events

Sat 26 May, 11-12.30 – Bug Count  
(Churchyard)

Sat 8 Jun, 10am Community Litter Picking

Sat 20 July, Hope & Homes Tea (Jancariad)

Sun 4 Aug, 1pm – Village Barbecue (Pictor)

Sun 6 Oct – Harvest Festival Service &  
Supper

## Residents Association News

The committee (elected at the AGM in February) comprises:

Chairman Dennis Perkins

Secretary Sue Rogers

Committee members: Mary Bailey, Val Clare,  
Gerald Davies, Lynn Perryman, Nick Morley,  
Jean Scarborough, Denise Thomas

Community Councillor: Graham Rogers

At the AGM, residents were invited to make the annual voluntary contribution of £2 per household. Funds have been depleted during the last 12 months leaving only around £160 so if you would like to add your contribution, please offer it to one of the committee members. Our next spend will be on summer planting for the village tubs and beds around the Village Bench.

The committee have been actively lobbying various organisations to object to the planning application at the reservoir which foreshadows a change of direction of activities there, away from the protection of tranquillity, nature and wildlife which many of us wish to see. If you have any comments or observations for us to take on board, please contact any committee member.

We have reported the blocked gullies (road drains) in and around the village and asked for them to be cleared.

We will enter the Best Kept Village competition again (entry forms not yet available) and will keep you posted as to when the judging might take

place. Everything we can do to keep our own frontages, pavements and gutters tidy and litter free will help impress the judges.

Over forthcoming months we will be reviewing the village website <http://www.coedypaen.net/> with the intention of making it more useful. Any comments/ideas/suggestions are welcome.

## CLiPs

We have acquired high viz jackets, gloves, sticks and bag holders from Mon CC for use by anyone who wishes to collect the rubbish deposited in and around the village and will inaugurate CLiPs (Coed-y-Paen Litter Pickers) with a 'mass pick' on Saturday 8 June, mainly in the hope that more of us will be encouraged to clean up our surroundings. The event will be kicked off by a Health & Safety briefing from Val Clare who is also setting up a Facebook page to record and document our efforts.

Any further suggestions for ways we can improve our environment will be welcomed by the committee.

## The Great CyP Bug Count

We hope to impress the BKV judges with our interest in observing and conserving our wildlife by holding a 'bug count' particularly involving the younger members of our community (young children to be accompanied, please). Denise Thomas is organising this and asks that, if you intend to come along, you let her know (671164 [coedypaenresidents@gmail.com](mailto:coedypaenresidents@gmail.com)) so she has enough materials – and more particularly refreshments.

"By taking part in the survey you will discover more about the incredible variety of invertebrates in the built environment. The survey consists of three 15 minute challenges:

Challenge 1: Hunt for ground living invertebrates on soft ground surfaces

Challenge 2: Search for invertebrates on human made surfaces

Challenge 3: Looking for invertebrates on plants, shrubs and trees

During the challenges we will be looking for 6 special bugs – 2spot ladybird, Devil's coach horse, small Tortoiseshell, Tree Bumblebee, Leopard Slug and Green Shieldbug. We have photographs to aid your detection.

The results will be submitted to Open Air Laboratories (OPAL) who will collate and publish results from all over the country."

### **Jess's Marathon Success**

You may remember Jess Moseley hosting a quiz in the Carpenter's Arms in February to raise money for her run in the London Marathon in support of the charity Spinal Research. Well, she made it and finished in 5hrs 45mins, no mean achievement. Jess told me

*"The atmosphere was unbelievable and it really is true that the crowds get you through. I finished in 5hrs 45mins and have already put in for the ballot next year along with Josh, Tom and Anna who now all have the Marathon bug!!!! My total at the moment is £3420 and it's still coming in so I'm hoping to reach the £3500 mark! I've been completely overwhelmed by all the support, emotionally and financially. It's been a brilliant adventure that's for sure."*

What a fantastic effort – well done Jess!

### **Hope and Homes for Children**

The South Wales Support Group are very grateful for the continuing support from the village to all their fund raising events. The charity works extremely hard towards closing down orphanages and housing children in small family homes in many countries.

This year is their 25th Anniversary and to celebrate locally there will be a special Anniversary Garden Tea Party on **Saturday July 20th** at Jancariad, Coed-y-Paen, the home of Jean Scarborough. All are most welcome from **3pm** onwards. No charge, just donations to Hope and Homes. Catherine Butt from HQ will be present and will update us on the continuing work of the charity.

### **Broadband**

The wireless network in the village has not been as stable as we would wish, but considerable improvement was foreshadowed by Trevor Mosedale (Rural Technologies Wales) at a presentation in April. This should occur when he takes delivery of an optical fibre connection at Wellfield Close which will feed a stable, uncontested signal to the wireless network – so no more slowness at 6pm! After that, Trevor hopes to be in a position to start a project to install FTTP (fibre to the premises), delivering up to 100Mbps. A different bundle of grants (the Gigabit Voucher Scheme) will be available for this, provided some businesses sign up, so he hopes to be able to deliver at little or no installation cost to subscribers.

### **Water supply**

We were told by Dyr Cymru engineers that the emergency generator is now in place, so interruptions to supply should be over. That was before the burst main on the 10<sup>th</sup>! Let's hope that really is the end of water supply troubles for a while...

### **Community Council News**

The CC has continued to ask Mon CC to repair the edges of the road surface on the Darran and it remains to be seen if the most recent grass seeding will stabilise the verges. The requested improved signage to the reservoir has resulted in a sign at Wellfield House. It will be interesting to see if fewer visitors find themselves lost in the village. The CC objected to the reservoir planning application and continues to monitor all applications in the ward.

The CC has secured a weekly Post Office service in Llangybi Village Hall on Fridays, 10 – 12 noon.

### **Events at the Reservoir**

The reservoir website details courses every month for SUP, SSUP Yoga, sailing and windsurfing. Not shown is the annual Supbikerun (25 – 26 May)

*Sue Rogers*