



**Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn
Community Council
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“Snowdrops at the Rhual”.

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then please contact Kate Johnson or Karen Armstrong**

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Summary of the Community Council minutes - October 2019 - January 2020

Farewell to a long serving Councillor

The Community Council presented Cllr. Lynne Pritchard with a leaving gift after over 30 years of voluntary service to the community council at the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, it was received with thanks. All residents enjoyed the Christmas Lunch and thanked the community council and Mold Golf Club for a wonderful event once again.

Gwernaffield Playing Field

The Community Council considered the next stage of investment to Gwernaffield Playing Fields and three new pieces of play equipment were agreed in partnership with Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields. Work to provide these should start in the Spring together with smartening up the seating benches. Unfortunately, due to the short annual lease arrangement with Flintshire County Council for Pantymwyn Play Area, this does not attract any match funding from Aura for play equipment at this stage.



Summer Playscheme

The Summer Playscheme 2019 was reviewed following receipt of a statistical report by the County and overall the scheme was well received and well attended primarily by younger children aged 5 - 9 years of age. With kind permission of the Scouts group it was held for the first time on the field adjacent to the Church Hall and benefited from the use of the toilet facilities which had been missing previously.

Parking issues at Y Waun

Concerns raised by a resident about inconsiderate parking in Y Waen during school drop off and pick up. The Community Council wrote to Flintshire Road Safety Department about this matter and raised it with Ysgol Y Waun. Despite several reminders this continues to be a problem and everyone driving and parking in the vicinity of the school is again asked to be considerate to local residents.

Cemetery grounds maintenance

Councillors agreed to provide annual financial assistance toward the Holy Trinity Church for ground maintenance as requested. However due to the increase in burials which was exceptionally high this year this was not required for 2019/2020.



Maintenance of Street Lighting

The Community Council have started to review the street lighting maintenance contract being responsible for 100 street lights in Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn. Other street lights are County Council owned. The cost of so doing should be significantly cheaper with these new lights now installed.

New Christmas tree for Pantymwyn

Cefn Mawr Quarry donated a Christmas tree to Pantymwyn Village and have now undertaken to do so on an annual basis, (Gwernaffield have had lights in their tree for some years in the conservation garden). Cllr Bolton kindly purchased some LED lights for the tree and was reimbursed accordingly. Many kind comments about how nice the tree looked were received from parents and residents who donated decorations.

Street Lighting Project in the villages is Complete!

The Community Council are pleased to confirm the final phase of the LED Street Lighting Renewal Project was completed in 2019 for both villages. Thus contributing to less light pollution, lowering the carbon footprint and reducing the spend on electricity and maintenance of street lights long term.

The street lights on the main roads through the villages - Gwernaffield Road and Cilcain Road are owned by the Community Council including some others such as street lights on Pen Y Fron Road, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Pantybuarth and some areas of Gwernaffield including Y Waen, Church Lane, Caer Rhug Lane and Tan Y Hafod estate. In this case faults can be reported to the clerk of the community council Mrs Kay Roberts at gwernaffieldclerk@outlook.com or 01352 741334.



Other street light faults to be reported to Flintshire County Council 01352 701234 Streetscene Department or email streetscene.flintshire.co.uk .

Road Speed concerns

Following reports of concern from residents about some vehicles driving with excessive speed through the villages the community council tried to hold a public meeting with road safety representation - however to date Claire Parry of the Road Safety Unit has been unable to commit to attend which would render the meeting less effective. The Community Council are considering other speed calming measures in 2020.

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Welcome to New Councillors

The community extends a warm welcome to our two new councillors Rob Edwards and Ruth Appleton. Rob has been a previous community councillor and welcomed back once again. Ruth has recently moved to the area last year but is familiar with the area having done a lot of walking on many occasions. She has taken great interest in maintaining a pleasant environment and some of you may have seen her carrying out litter picks. She also says she wants to become more involved in the Events Team of the Council.

We currently have a vacancy for a councillor for the Community Council – See the ad on the back page.

GWERNAFFIELD CHURCH HALL NEWS

The church hall continues to be used every week by long standing groups like Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, The Band, U3A Table Tennis, Bowls, Thursday Group, WI etc but there is still space available for new activities all day Monday, Tuesday morning and afternoon, Thursday and Friday morning and Sunday afternoon. Also available on Saturday as an ideal venue for parties and community events. Please contact Gwyneth Goodwin on 01352 740488.

We are also looking for volunteers to join the Church Hall Association without which the hall could not be managed. Please contact the Secretary John Edge on 01352 740330.



REMEMBER THAT THE DEFIBILLATOR IS POSITIONED BY THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH HALL AND IS AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE TO USE IN AN EMERGENCY.

GWERNAFFIELD CHURCH EVENTS FOR 2020

Saturday 7.00pm 14th March - A Concert in the church with 'Cor Dewi Sant' Tickets £7.00. This is a community choir based at Eryrys and Llanarmon yn Lal and are very much in demand.

Saturday 4th April – Easter Afternoon Tea with Hot Cross Buns, the popular Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Parade. Commences at 1.00pm from the Church Hall – entrance for Adults £3 and Children £1.50.

Saturday 16th May at 2.00pm – Tea Dance with live music for Ballroom, Latin and Sequence Dancing £7.50

Saturday 6th June at 7.00pm – A Summer Musical Evening – Tickets £8.00 including a glass of wine.

Saturday 4th July from 2.00pm – Afternoon Strawberry Tea with a variety of stalls - £3.00.

Saturday 3rd October at 8.00pm – Harvest Hotpot Supper Tickets £8.00. Entertainment included.

Further information on any of these from Carole Bowen on 01352 740550.

Following the extremely successful Robin Hood etc it has just been announced that next year they will hold Cinderella.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN UP/LITTER PICK

The village spring clean-up will take place on Saturday 25th April. Look out for notices on Social media and posters around the village. As many volunteers as possible please on the day to help keep your villages tidy. Thank you.

REINSTATEMENT OF PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AFTER TREE FELLING

Since the tree felling took place in the woodlands in Pantymwyn the reinstatement of the footpaths hasn't yet been undertaken by the contractors. Mary Low of Pantymwyn has kindly been in touch with the contractors directly seeking an update. The latest is that there is an onsite meeting planned with the contractor was planned before the end of January to discuss the way to re-establish the public footpaths. Thank you Mary for taking the initiative to seek a resolution to this issue.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Following on from the last newsletter announcement that the Cefn Mawr quarry have offered to pay for the production of this newsletter, this has now come into effect and we wish to thank them for their ongoing contribution. From 2020 it has been decided to change the newsletter frequency to 3 times a year and to include a leaflet from the quarry. In February/June/October.

Every newsletter is delivered to you by a team of volunteers and I'm sure you will all join us in saying a big thank you for giving up your time to make sure we all receive the newsletter.

2019 MOLD SANTA RUN



Well done Ethan Lloyd of Gwernaffied who took part in the Mold annual Santa run. Ethan is just 9 years old and was the first under 12 to the finish and came fifth out of over 200 participants.

WOMENS INSITUTE

Both Pantymwyn and Gwernaffield have active WI meetings held monthly at the Pantymwyn Village Hall and Gwernaffield Church Hall respectively and both are taking on new members for 2020. Please come along to a meeting for more information.

BINGO

The Sunbeams playgroup are holding a fundraising bingo evening on **Saturday 28 March at 7pm in the church hall**. Come along and support the local playgroup whilst having fun and winning prizes.



PANTYMWYN VILLAGE HALL

Pantymwyn Village Hall have a varied and exciting itinerary of ongoing events with details of the events being displayed on the Village Hall noticeboard. All new members are welcome to go along and see what the groups are about. These include:

Monday afternoon 2pm-4pm Boccia (soft bowls)
Tuesday 9.30am-11.30am Art
Tuesday 2pm -3pm Tai Chi (every 2nd, 3rd & 4th)
Tuesday 7pm Yoga
Tuesday 1.50pm WI (1st Tuesday only)
Wednesday 11am Modern Line Dancing
Thursday 9.30pm-11.30 Table Tennis
Thursday 7.30pm-9.30pm Morris Dancing (every 2nd & 4th)
Friday 10am-12am Indoor Bowls

The Tuesday morning art group will be holding an exhibition, showcasing and selling their work at the hall on Saturday 21 March between 2pm and 4pm. Refreshments will be available.

This year's Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 2nd May 2pm-4pm at the village hall. Keep an eye on the village notice board for more information.

Another very enjoyable social evening was held in January where the Helsby mountain String Band entertained a packed Village Hall.

If you are interested in joining the village hall committee feel free to contact Pauline Kershaw on 740140.

THURSDAY CLUB OUTINGS

The Thursday Club meet in the Church Hall every Thursday afternoon and have arranged the following day trips

21st April: Parkgate and New Brighton
23rd June: Port Sunlight and Liverpool
24th November: Llandudno

Any enquiries and to book a seat please call Sheila Smith on 01352 740027.

CHRISTMAS AND WINTER UPDATE

The Christmas events were well attended this year and the community spirit was felt by all. The Christmas tree lights in Gwernaffield looked lovely and really added to the atmosphere, as did the Pantymwyn tree that was donated by the quarry. The Christmas lunch, carol singing and pantomimes were all a great success with very positive feedback all round. We'd like to say thank you to Rees for singing with us at the evening of carols, and thank you to Phil for playing piano for us at such short notice.

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council have a vacancy for the community council for the Gwernaffield ward (note you can live/work in the surrounding area). Make a difference to your community - we are the local people's voice to the County Council Invest in local play areas, run community events and fund the local Playscheme in Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn.

If you care about your community, have some time to spare and are enthusiastic please contact the Chairman Cllr. Richard Hughes for an informal chat on 01352 742112 or email hughes_magic@hotmail.com

NB. A small annual allowance is payable.

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