



**Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council  
Spring Newsletter  
2023**



**Scarecrow Competition winner October 2022**

**CYLCHLYTHYR Y CYNGOR CYMUNED GWERNAFFIELD &  
PHANTYMWYN**

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

### Community Council Vacancies

We still have four vacancies for community councillors, two for Pantymwyn and two for Gwernaffield. We are a small, friendly council and would welcome new volunteers to help support activities in the local community. Community councillors will receive information, training and a warm welcome! You will be asked to attend monthly meetings - to raise matters on behalf of your community, assist in responding to local planning applications, represent residents in your community on various issues, to improve health and well-being, input into play area improvements, assist with some local events for local people and help respond to consultations from a local perspective.

Council meetings are held locally on the first Wednesday of the month (7-9pm) and there is also an option to receive a £150 Councillor Allowance per annum.

For further information please contact Mrs Kay Roberts, Clerk to the Community Council. [gwernaffieldclerk@outlook.com](mailto:gwernaffieldclerk@outlook.com) or call on 01352 741334

If you decide you are interested in being considered for a vacancy with the Community Council you will be asked to forward an expression of interest explaining why you wish to join, giving some information about yourself particularly if you are involved in any community work both currently or in the past.

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### **Community Council Matters**

The Community Council website holds the minutes of meetings on the documents page. If you want to learn more about the work of the community council please visit [www.gwernaffield.org.uk](http://www.gwernaffield.org.uk)

As you may know the community council is in receipt of a precept from Flintshire county council which is raised from our local council tax to use

within the immediate area. This year we chose not to ask for an increase in our precept as we are aware of the ongoing economic difficulties we are all struggling with.

However we are still responsible for over 111 lights within the area, both their running costs and maintenance and having had to replace a number of columns over the last few years and upgraded the lights to LED lights to reduce both bills and carbon footprint, the costs can be significant.

In response to public concerns we have purchased flexible Speed Traffic Control units. Flexible in that they can be moved around the villages if speeding issues arise elsewhere and as they are operated by solar energy should not bring any additional costs with them.

In addition the community council maintains both the Childrens play areas and the play equipment in them. Working in conjunction with external partners last year some equipment was improved and some replaced. The Summer play scheme is also part funded by the community council precept and we support the annual Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch as well providing a regular newsletter which keeps us all connected.

The community council is also enabled to provide small grants to help and support any non - profit making community events or activities that fit within the remit to support Community cohesion. There is a lot going on behind the scenes to help make our villages a good place to live and if you wish to help make further improvements or have ideas how we could do it , please do get in touch either to join us or become a local supporter.

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### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

We would like to include any information within our booklet that could help newcomers to the area settle in and become part of our thriving and picturesque community. Please contact Councillors Ruth Appleton or Sue Coles with any information you think may be of interest so it can be included in the Autumn newsletter.

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## CURRENT LOCAL GROUP INFORMATION

**Boccia** - Pantymwyn Village Hall- Monday 2-4 -

**Art Group** Pantymwyn Village Hall- Tuesday 10-12

**Womens Institute** Pantymwyn Village Hall (first Tuesday of Month) 2-4pm

It's a good time to join us new members are always welcome

**Soup Lunch**- Holy Trinity Church Hall (first Tuesday of Month) 12-1-30pm

**Table Tennis**-Pantymwyn Village Hall- Thursday 9-30-11-30

**Chair Yoga** Pantymwyn Village Hall Thursday 4-30pm

**Ashtanga Yoga** Pantymwyn Village Hall Thursday 6-7-30 pm

**Indoor Bowls**- Pantymwyn Village Hall- Friday 10-12

**Whist** - Pantymwyn Village Hall - Friday pm fortnightly - contact Wendy on 740910

If you are interested in attending any of the groups pop in at the time allocated and you will be made very welcome.

**Saturday** and **Sunday** events at Pantymwyn Village Hall are available for private hire. Contact Pauline Kershaw on 740140

**If you wish to find out more details regarding HT Church Hall events or availability please contact Gwynneth on 740488**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday 1st April - Annual Easter Egg Hunt** - 1.00pm - Starting from **Holy Trinity Church Hall**. Lots of fun and chocolates - £2.00 per child including drink. Put on your Easter Bonnet - you may win a prize.

**Saturday 1st April - 'CHEESE AND WINE'** with our Guest Speaker, Lord Mostyn -'The History of The Mostyn Family' - 7.00pm in the **Holy Trinity Church Hall** . Tickets:- £8.00.

**Tuesday 4th April - A Soup Lunch** (Homemade Soup, Cakes, Tea and Coffee, 12.00 - 1.30pm in **Holy Trinity Church** Hall. Everyone Welcome - No fixed charge, donations gratefully accepted. **NB** This will be a monthly event, held on the **1st Tuesday of Each Month**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April -Art Exhibition “ A tribute to Liz Evans “** browse through Liz’s work and share some fond memories. Tea and cake will be on sale to support Village Hall funds

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Music Night – The Alchemists- Pantymwyn Village Hall 7-9-30pm. Entrance by Ticket only £5. Please contact Pauline 740140 or Wendy 740910 - UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS NOW SOLD OUT**

**Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Coronation Weekend,** Events in planning so look out for further details on Community noticeboards.

**Saturday 13th May - Scrabble and Scones - 7.00pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall.** Entrance £2.50

**Saturday 1st July - Strawberry Tea** with a variety of Stalls - 2.00 - 4.00pm in **Holy Trinity Church Hall.**

**Tickets and Further information on all the above at Holy Trinity Church, available from Carole 01352 740550**

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**KINGS CORONATION  
May 6<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

As we are swiftly approaching the May Coronation weekend we are aware that many of you will be planning community street parties to celebrate. There is a useful link on the FCC website to help anyone planning parties or events. [Coronation of The King and The Queen Consort \(flintshire.gov.uk\)](http://flintshire.gov.uk) but the gist of the information is as follows:-

Over the weekend 6 – 8 May 2023, people will be celebrating The Coronation of His Majesty the King. In addition to a number of planned national events, people up and down the UK are being encouraged to get together and bring The Coronation celebrations into the heart of their own communities. Please read the information below if you live in Flintshire and are planning a community celebration.

A street party is a small event attended by local residents and their families (free of charge); and which isn't advertised to the wider community. It will be held in a house or garden, local green space, or a quiet residential road. Local residents will provide the food and there will be no sale of alcohol. Non amplified music may be played between the hours of 8am and 11pm (unless a Temporary Event Notice is in place). The sale of raffle tickets for a charity or good cause may be sold on the day for prizes with a value of less than £500.

If this sounds like your event and you are planning to hold it on a minor residential road, where there will be minimal impact on through traffic, you will need to apply for a Temporary Traffic Order (TTRO).

The closing date for TTRO applications is Friday 31 March 2023

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## **CORONATION WEEKEND EVENTS BEING PLANNED** -Look out for further details on local notice boards

### **Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> 'Street Party Day ' 2-4pm at Pantymwyn Village**



**Hall**

with

**TEA & CAKE** £2:50 and **PLANTS** for sale

# MONDAY MAY 8<sup>th</sup> is CORONATION VOLUNTEER DAY

Did you know Pantymwyn Village Hall and Garden is run by a group of volunteers? Come along to meet us at the Hall MONDAY MAY 8<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm to lend a hand for our COMMUNITY GARDENER's DAY. Bring a trowel with you & enjoy a 'Potter & Chatter' session.

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## Financial Assistance from the Community Council for local groups and Charities.

The community council has designed a short application form for local groups and charities supporting residents in Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn enabling them to request financial assistance for their group up to a maximum £100 per group. The deadline for this year's submission is the 8th December 2023. The community council is very aware of the difficult climate many groups are working in and want to do their best to help.

Groups can access the form via the website [www.gwernaffield.org.uk](http://www.gwernaffield.org.uk)

We are aware of the good work that takes place in the community, so if your group needs a little bit of financial assistance to help it deliver something new or continue to deliver something that is working well, please complete the form and let us know!

Good Luck / Pob lwc

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## Defibrillators

Posters have been placed on the Notice Boards in the villages advising of the locations of the two defibrillators available 24/7 outside Gwernaffield Church Hall and Mold Golf Club Pantymwyn.

Pantymwyn Village Hall also applied for a free defibrillator from Save A Life Cymru and the Hall and The community council joint funded the green

cabinet needed to keep the equipment dry and functional. So, there are now three in our local area

For Info Use the link below to find out how a defibrillator works, you may save a life one day.

<https://www.zoll.com/uk/medical-products/automated-external-defibrillators/aed-plus/video>



## Road safety

As part of our remit to help make our roads safer the community council has made a request that Flintshire County Council undertakes an urgent review of the provision of safe pedestrian solutions in Gwernaffield towards Cadole. The current lack of footpath linking the two villages is regularly placing residents and visitors at risk when walking and is undermining Welsh Government initiatives designed to encourage healthy lifestyles and the appreciation of our historic and cultural heritage.

## Road Speed Safety Up-date

The community council continues to try and alleviate the problem of speeding in the two villages. Speed Radar signs in Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn have now been bought as a council initiative in response to



community concern over speed levels in the village and we hope they will go some way to heighten driver awareness of the need to keep travel safe and within speed limits.

The installation of the interactive speed monitor by the Crown Inn was one way that was been seen to be effective within Pantymwyn. It advises motorists of vehicle speed and, if they are exceeding 30mph, asks them to slow down.

Having been encouraged by the success of this monitor the community council has therefore purchased two additional devices, one to be located in each village. An additional benefit of these particular monitors is that as they are solar powered, they can be moved, when deemed appropriate, to other sites where speed has also been seen to be a problem.

The new monitor in Pantymwyn has been positioned at the top of Trial Hill, advising motorists that they have entered the 30mph zone.



In Gwernaffield , the plan is to place the monitor on Cilcain Rd, just before the turning into Y Waen and facing up the hill. By utilising Flintshire County Council's own monitor this will have the additional benefit of advising

motorists to control their speed in both directions as they approach Y Waen and the entrance to the school.

We know this is only the beginning and perhaps the County Council 20mph zones will help further when they come into effect later on in the year.

For further information on how it will affect us see the website [www.20plenty.org](http://www.20plenty.org) for further information on the changes that are likely to occur in our area:-

## **“Diolch am 20/Thanks for 20” Initiative**

I am sure that you will be aware that 20mph is being set as the default speed limit for cities, towns and villages in Wales from 17<sup>th</sup> September, with exceptions at 30mph being determined by the local highway authority.

We hope that you will welcome this in your community as making it a better place for people to live with roads shared in a fairer and friendlier manner to all.

Of course, it will be a change, but one which will make a real difference to community life, especially for children, the elderly and those who cannot drive.

20’s Plenty for Us has been working with Councils and authorities at all levels across the UK and sense that there is a real feeling that lower speeds make places more enjoyable for all. We want to help communities in Wales understand the change in speed limit and enable it to be as successful as possible. We think that town and community councils are well placed to help, and we want to help them.

In Wales we are reaching out to assist Town and Community Councils with our initiative with resources to promote the understanding of what is coming and celebrate the change so that drivers can feel good about going a little bit slower to make their places a whole lot better.

For further information contact [WWW.20plenty.org](http://WWW.20plenty.org)

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# Our Local Community:

## Halls for hire

Pantymwyn Village Hall and Gwernaffield Church Hall are both community hubs where members of either village can meet to find support or like-minded people for Quiz nights, activities and sport and of course they are both available for hire for private events.

These are both real Community assets and are there to be enjoyed. Please check them out and see what is on in the next few months.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

This Year Y Waen School, one part of the Hafod Federation of Schools celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday as part of our community.

## CONGRATULATIONS Y WAEN SCHOOL

### FREE - Summer Play Scheme

24 July 2023 – 4 August 2023

We are pleased to be able to announce the FREE Summer Play Scheme will go ahead partly funded by Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council in partnership with Flintshire County Council for children aged from **5 – 11 years of age** (Venue to be confirmed in Gwernaffield) from 24<sup>th</sup> July each morning from 10.30am – 12.30 noon.

Two trained playworkers will provide engaging activities and craft for your children, they receive training in Paediatric First-aid; Disability Awareness; Risk Management; Dealing with Challenges on site; Safeguarding and Child Protection.

The Flintshire Buddy Scheme will operate during Summer Playscheme for 2023. The Buddy scheme will provide the necessary support for children and young people with disabilities, to access their own local Playscheme.

You will need to register - registration details will be provided as soon as this information is received from Flintshire County Council. We hope you will come along and make the sessions a success as they are each year!

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## **Pantymwyn Village Hall .**

A huge” WELL DONE” to all our community volunteer gardeners at the Pantymwyn Village hall, they gained a PLATINUM STANDARD AWARD in the **FLINTSHIRE BEST OPEN PUBLIC GARDEN SPACE.** If you haven’t already seen it pop along and check it out , It’s a pretty space that enhances a lovely community asset.

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## **QUARRY NEWS**

After a shut down for annual maintenance from 23<sup>rd</sup> January the Quarry is now up and running again and will continue to run at capacity for a period.

Once again thanks go to Cefn Mawr Quarry for their donation of a Christmas Tree which is the focal point of Village festivities each year. A huge thank you from us all.



In addition Tree removal work and the repair of the stone walling along the permissive path to Cadole was carried out last year to ensure all walkers were able to enjoy our local area safely.

Recently however a concern has been raised over the level of dust along the road by the Quarry entrance and beyond, and having queried this with the Quarry manager we have been assured all steps are being carried out to make sure the lorries are as clean as possible when leaving the site although Jason Parry will look into it further. Increased use of the road sweeper and perhaps the really wet weather is not helping but all concerned will monitor the situation

A Quarry Liaison Committee is in existence which includes members of the community including Councillor George Tattum, FCC staff and obviously Quarry personnel

## **Site of Special Scientific Interest**

The Quarry gives us an insight into some of the Ecological works done in our area in 2022 as the land around the Quarry is ecologically important both to those of us that live here and nationally.

**Birds-** Most of the species found at the quarry are common and are usually seen consistently each year, however, one species receives further protection and that is The Peregrine Falcon .

There is an updated list of 52 birds identified at Cefn Mawr (since recording started in 2008) from the Red or Amber-listed species. The list continues to increase year upon year which is very encouraging.

Some of the more unusual birds included on the red and amber list that are protected by the work done by the Quarry for the SSSI are :- House Martins, Short Eared Owls, Willow Warblers and Woodcock.

**Butterflies** -Butterfly species recorded over three targeted visits in 2022 indicated a total of 18 different species of butterfly were spotted during butterfly walkover visits and with ad-hoc sightings in 2022. Of these, 4 are UKBAP priority species and are therefore of conservation concern nationally

but are consistently recorded on the site. They are the Dingy Skipper, Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary, Small Heath and Wall butterflies.

**Limestone Grassland (SSSI/SAC)**- Bracken was kept under control in 2022 all over the limestone grassland and a flock of sheep grazed the grassland within the fenced area. The date for the sheep being removed is assessed so as to prevent winter leaching of the soil and to maintain herd health (usually end of November/beginning December). Sheep are supplied by local farmer David Hughes and are always in good condition.

The limestone grassland was lightly strimmed during October to help prevent saplings from re-establishing. Arisings are raked where necessary and placed within nearby woodland to make habitat piles.

There was some further scrub removal work at the top of the eastern slope and the entrance gate at the bottom of the slope was repaired.

Sensitive management of the limestone grassland (in consultation with NRW and local authorities) has occurred over the last 12 years. The NVC grassland type is currently categorized as: **CG2b Calcareous grassland - *Festuca ovina-Avenula pratensis*; *Succisa pratensis-Leucanthemum vulgare* sub-community**

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## **LITTER BUSTERS**

A number of local volunteers now join Councillor Ruth Appleton on a regular Litter pick spanning both villages and the outlying areas.

The litter picks alternate between the two villages so that our local areas can be as tidy as we would wish.

We would like to give a huge thank you to all of the villagers who have helped out so far, they are real community champions.

If any of you would like to join us feel free to come along on the last Thursday of each month, please don't feel you have to attend every time but just help out when you can. Thanks go to Flintshire County Council who supply us with the Orange bags so we are very visible and who arrange to pick up the rubbish we collect on the same day.

The dates and meeting points for this years litter picks are as follows:

<b>27/APR – 10am Pantymwyn Village Hall</b>
<b>25/May – 10am Gwernaffield (opposite Church)</b>
<b>29/JUNE – 10am Pantymwyn Village Hall</b>
<b>27/JULY – 10am Gwernaffield (opposite Church)</b>
<b>31/AUG -10am Pantymwyn Village Hall</b>
<b>28/SEP -10am Gwernaffield (opposite Church)</b>
<b>26/OCT - 10 am Pantymwyn Village Hall</b>
<b>30/NOV- 10 am Gwernaffield (opposite church)</b>
<b>28/DEC - 10 am Pantymwyn Village Hall</b>

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## COMPETITIONS

### **Easter Window Dressing Competition 2023**

There's still time to take part in our Easter Window Dressing Competition. This year the judging will take place on the Easter weekend (7-10<sup>th</sup> April) so have some fun during the School Holidays and join in.

Don't forget to let us know you are taking part so we can send our judges to check out each entry and add them to Facebook so you can have your say too.

Contact - [gwernaffieldclerk@outlook.com](mailto:gwernaffieldclerk@outlook.com) to confirm your entry

Be creative and have fun , everyone's entry is greatly appreciated by all of us passing by.

### **SCARECROW COMPETITION 2022**

The Scarecrow Competition in October 2022 was a huge success with a number of superb entries and the judging was very close. The winner is featured on the front page but here are some of the other wonderful



entries we had . Unfortunately one entry on Cilcain Rd had been damaged by the heavy winds and a picture wasn't taken in time but hopefully next year .....





## **Senior Citizens Christmas Meal**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 the community council arranged the Annual Christmas Meal with the help of the wonderful staff at Mold Golf club. It was a huge success and Cam and his team provided a feast for the tastebuds yet again for the eighty plus people who shared a fantastic meal in a lovely setting.

Our local county councillor Adele Davis Cooke donated hampers for the event and the three lucky winners were Carol Bradley, Sue Dodd and David Hughes. Congratulations to all and many thanks to Adele.

This year we hope to hold the Christmas meal yet again so keep a watch on the community council noticeboards and in the next newsletter and make a date to come along to start celebrating Christmas with old friends from your local community.

Other Christmas events are being planned by the community council and will include Christmas Eve Carol singing beneath the Christmas Tree in Pantymwyn for both Villages, other ideas are being explored already and we will confirm all in our Autumn Newsletter.

If anyone out there has ideas or expertise please let us know and we'll be glad of your help to make our Villages as festive as possible after the restrictions of the last few years.

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## **MOLD GOLF CLUB**

As part of our local area, the Golf Club puts on activities for both golfers and non-golfers so it is worth checking out their website. Recent events have included quiz nights, murder mysteries and much more including takeaway food on Friday nights too.

You don't have to be a golfer to enjoy the delights of Mold Golf Club, as a Social Member you can join in with all the activities for a small annual fee and meet new friends too.

Check for details at:- [www.moldgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.moldgolfclub.co.uk) or call 01352741513

Looking for a Room to hire for your special celebration, Mold Golf Club has just that, a **Room with a View** so if it's a Birthday party, Business Meeting, Charity event or any kind of private function Mold Golf Club can help you celebrate in style.

With its own private bar, dining room and dance floor, the facilities are available for your use so call and discuss details.

In addition if you fancy a game new golfers are encouraged with this special offer from April 2023.

**MOLD GOLF CLUB**  
— 18 Months for the Price of 12 —  
£655\* for new full membership starting  
on 1st April 2023

The poster features a large, semi-circular landscape image of a golf course with rolling hills and trees. Below the landscape are three circular icons representing different ways to contact the club: a telephone for 'CALL', an envelope for 'EMAIL', and a computer monitor for 'WEBSITE'. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, each followed by the club's name. The address and a disclaimer are also included.

**CALL**  
01352 741 513

**EMAIL**  
[info@moldgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:info@moldgolfclub.co.uk)

**WEBSITE**  
[www.moldgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.moldgolfclub.co.uk)

**f** /moldgolfclub

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