

MERTHYR CYNOG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER – May 2014

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Merthyr Cynog Community Website

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Merthyr Cynog also has a **FaceBook** page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206437002783367/> is the “proper” address, though it’s easier just to search for **Merthyr Cynog Community!**

An apology, and the reason!

This **Newsletter** is perhaps a bit *light* in its content, and for a very good **reason**. The wonderful **Annette**, who has been the *driving* force behind it, and whose *knowledge* of the wheres and wherefores of all things **Merthyr Cynog** is almost *encyclopaedic*, has been most poorly of late. Latest reports have her quietly **recovering**. We’d like to place on record how much she is missed when compiling this, and to express *gratitude* for her sterling *work*.

Diary Dates – er - For Your Diary!

Hall Committee

Report from **20th May**. The Committee met to discuss the upkeep and running of the Hall, and to plan the coming year’s activities. Always lively and fun, this was no exception, and decided upon the following events:-

Note the dates!

8th July, Tuesday - Hall Clean Up at 6pm. Spare hour? Come and help! Please! & chat!
29th August, Friday at 6pm Duck Race, **Sports, BBQ** and chat – **Lower Cwmttydu**
10th October, Friday – Annual Harvest Supper in the Hall. Not to be missed!
12th August, Tuesday – Next Hall meeting – open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Put the **dates** in your SmartPhones and diaries and **calendars NOW** so you don’t double book. And if **anyone** has any **great** ideas for **events** for the **Community** to enjoy and to meet and **chat**, *contact* a Committee **member immediately!!**

(What about a Ceilidh, - or, as some would have it, ‘tribal dancing’? I know a good band! GC)

Women’s Institute

Meetings held the **FIRST TUESDAY** of every month in the Community Hall at 7pm. Many different talks, demonstrations, film shows on many subjects, with crafts and other activities to the fore. More details on our **Website**.

Women’s Group

All ages are welcome – friendly and informal, it is a good “get-together”, with trips and activities all year – Theatre, Spa visits, AmDram events (!), to name just a very few. Oh – and LOTS of chat! For *more info* call **Jackie Davies** on 01874 **690342**

Evergreens

Meet on the **LAST TUESDAY** of every month, between 2 and 4. The Hall usually rocks with laughter, fun and chat when the Evergreens unite to chat, enjoy each other’s company, chat, play cards, chat, have quizzes, chat, and chat! Run by the Hall Committee, it is free for Senior Citizens – and not just from the locality either. There are some from Brecon, and even further afield. There’s no charge for the use of the Hall (like the YFC) and is self funded by the raffle. Trips away (this year St Fagans) and Christmas dinner are highlights.

To qualify simply be of pensionable age, and enjoy company (and chatting!). Just turn up, be welcomed – and start chatting, 2pm on the **LAST TUESDAY** of the month.

Young Farmers

At the very minimum, this group **meet** every **WEDNESDAY NIGHT** at 7.30pm. **Pontfaen YFC** is at the moment on the **crest** of a **wave**, with great **success** in a number of the **competitions** that they have entered. Club meetings are a noisy happy place to be, and *new members* are **always** welcome, between the ages of 10 and 26. There is always *something* on the *go* with this YFC! More detailed reports follow over the page, as we’ve lots to celebrate.

Badminton

Meet **EVERY FRIDAY**, from 7-9. All standards welcome. £2 each, with a cuppa tea too. Enjoyable, none too serious, fun night. Ring **Gen Tyler** on 01874 **690460**

Newsletter

We’d **like** to be able to **distribute** this Newsletter **electronically** as it is more efficient, so it would be terrific if you could **send** your email address to:-
merthycynogcc@yahoo.co.uk .

Pontfaen YFC Report

Pontfaen YFC has had an amazing year since the start of the 2013/14 year. Our small club always participates in competitions, from hand-writing to performing before a four-hundred strong audience in Theatre Brycheiniog at the Drama Festival in February. Prior to Christmas amongst Parties, Carol Singing and fund raising, we were lucky to have a Club Leader, Mrs Verity Jones, finding time to write an amazing entertainment, entitled *Bridget Jones' Dairy!!* When members read it through for the first time we were SO excited! We practised endlessly. Mid-week and weekends filled with routines being put together until it was perfect. THEN - on Friday, 8th February, we performed in Theatre Brycheiniog, with huge support from the Community. Congratulated on an amazing performance by the Adjudicator, his comments gave us a huge boost for the finale on the Saturday. Because of dreadful weather the results night was postponed until the Wednesday, which to club leaders and cast seemed like a lifetime to wait. Then at 10.30pm on Wednesday, 12th February, we heard, 1st Position goes to Pontfaen YFC with *Bridget Jones' Dairy*. The Theatre erupted as we also scooped the award for Best Written Production, thanks to Mrs Verity Jones. Mr Raiff Devlin and Miss Rebecca Price were nominated for Best Actor and Best Actress 18 years of age and under. These achievements were immense and celebrations soon got underway by filling the silverware at the bar! This meant that we had a trip to Llandudno to prepare for on March 15th for the Welsh Finals. Many fund raising events were held, from two concerts, with huge support from local families and friends, and Pontfaen Show Committee, to whom we are so very grateful for all donations. Performing at Llandudno proved a very enjoyable and valuable experience for the cast, where, yet again, we had three cast members nominated - Raiff Devlin and Rebecca Price for the second time and Brychan Davies also, all doing the club proud. The club are now looking forward to the Rally in June to end a very successful year.

Miss Rebecca Price, Pontfaen YFC Secretary.



The Upper Chapel Eisteddfod

This is a real **feather** in the **cap** for our **little** rural **Community**. Our **Eisteddfod** is *renowned* in Wales, and *beyond*, and has been *celebrating* Welsh culture for nearly **100 years!**

It is *hugely* **popular** with both **competitors** and **spectators** alike, running **throughout** the day and well into the **evening** as well, with interested parties coming from **far** and **wide**.

The **2014 program** will be *available* very **soon** and will be on our **website** – www.merthycynog.org

The results of all the keenly fought classes will be published just as soon as possible after the event itself.

All *ages* are catered for, with **competitions** in many **different disciplines** competed for on the day, and many **generous prizes** to be won. One of the most **prestigious** is the *Champion Solo*, and last year **23** singers participated, striving to win the handsome **£300 first Prize**.

The level of **local support** is worth *noting*, from competitors, to the audience and, crucially, the **sponsorship** that the Eisteddfod attracts, and *relies upon*, for its continuing existence.

Have YOU considered entering any of the many classes available?

