

Included with this Newsletter is a body of work by Mr Vivian Parry of Pwllgloyw outlining his researches into the Upper Chapel War Memorial, the soldiers named there on, and their personal histories. He is keen to know if any in the Community can add more to what is known, perhaps even anecdotally, about the men who died to ensure our freedom.

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Diary Dates For Your Diary!

The **Harvest Supper** is on **10th October**, in the Hall at **7pm**. Fabulous GRUB by the *Parish Ladies* who wait on us hand and foot and try not to spill the soup or play footie with the rolls. First World War **songs** to commemorate will be sung by *The Undecided*, and the delightful Sioned Davies with sooth us with her **harp**. Call Lynne 690269, or Annette 622892 to secure **YOUR** place at this **terrific feast of fun**. Only, **ONLY** £8.

Please bring your own soup BOWL!! (And a pudding wood be good, too!)

Saturday 13th December 2014

The New Rope String Band

This is the latest in Merthyr Cynog Community Hall's series of Entertainments.

Described as "Madcap Action", their antics will enthral you! Yes!

The **Band** consists of a **trio** – er, that's **THREE** people – who are **brilliant actors, comedians** and **musicians** who are guaranteed to **entertain** the entire family, even the old **Granny** who usually falls asleep

Thanks to being subsidised, tickets are great value at **£4** for children and **£6** adults, (but might be more.... Ring Chris.)

The Hall makes nothing from the proceeds, but can run a **Bar** and raffle (thank goodness)!

The **Show starts at 6.30**, and pre-booking is advised – **Christopher** on **690342**, though there will be some on the door.

Monday 15th December 2014

Senior Citizens' Dinner

Christmas!

Yes – it IS that time of year once more, (well, almost), & apologies for the early-ish alert.

This keenly anticipated celebration, funded by the Community Council, is on **Monday 15th December**, in the Hall, at **1pm**.

Everyone of pensionable age is invited but since we don't know ALL your ages, just let us know that you're going to be there anyway! And bring your spouse or partner, too.

To book your plateful on the day, ring **Lynda** on **625133**, or **Josie** on **690277**.

The fun and the festive feast is free to those in the Parish, and for members of Evergreens from without, it is a **£10** bargain!

Thursday 18th December 2014

The Annual Community Hall Poultry Whist Drive, has a £20 prize – and LOTS of bottles, poultry, and raffle prizes.

This is the main Whist Drive of the year of the fortnightly series held throughout the year at **7.30pm**.

****Saturday 15th November 2014****

Curry Night with Entertainment In the Community Hall

This is a **new** spot in the *calendar*, and who knows it could become a **fixture**. Contact **Chris** – **690342** for your **poppadum**

Saturday 27th December 2014

The Annual Christmas Party at 6.30.

There's **more** nonsense on this if you **turn over**. **NO** – Not **YOU**, - the **PAGE!!** DOH!!
FUN, FUN, FUN for all. Yes. You read it right. **FUN**

****Saturday 27th December 2014****

Merthyr Cynog Community's Post Christmas Sanity Party

If by now you're **fed up** to the back teeth with your **family**, cooped up in the **house**, come to this **Party** in the **Hall** at **6.30pm!!** And see your **FRIENDS**. Yes! Bring some **grub** to share (turkey, eh?), and **liquids** of your choice though **some** will be **available**.

Games, and Music, and bring your fave tape/CD/MP3 with you too.....

[Maybe a "Sanity Clause" for this event? (And DON'T ask me to explain it!!)]

PONTFAEN YFC – seeks enthusiastic new members

Pontfaen YFC is a local youth club which meets in Upper Chapel, in the Community Hall, every Wednesday night at 7.30pm. (You don't have to be a farmer, you just need to be age 10 or over!) The panto season is approaching so it's a particularly good time to join, especially if you enjoy acting, singing and dancing!! As well as the drama competitions, there are trips out (last year we had swimming in Bluestone, bowling in Brecon, pizza and film nights, and even a camp-out!). The competitions are fun too, with a chance to do anything from arts and crafts, singing and dancing, to stock judging and public speaking. There's something for everyone! Why not come along, try it out and see what you think! You will be made extremely welcome.

Contact Verity Jones 01874 690189 or Sioned Davies 01874 690293 for more information.

PS – last year the club enjoyed some terrific successes in competitions, and they want to keep it up. YOU can help!

BOGUS PHONE CALLS

We have had reports of bogus phone calls – some requesting money for advertisements, and some claiming that they can reclaim business rates, and others again from false electricity suppliers.

Please – be VIGILANT and NEVER disclose bank details or pay money to anyone if in any doubt at all.

If the caller is genuine they will be happy for you to check their authenticity. Please report on the phone to 101 if you have been the subject of a scam. "If it sounds to be too good to be true, then it probably is!!"

MERTHYR CYNOG & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We are looking forward to several good things this Autumn/Winter – in October there is a talk and film show on Jordan with particular emphasis on Petra; our AGM in November with a 'sheep drive' (you have to see it to believe it!), and a demonstration of flower arranging for December. Anyone who would like to come along for a 'taster' session or sessions can attend meetings for several months without actually joining. We meet in the Community Hall on the first Tuesday of the month from 7.15pm. The image of the WI is one of elderly ladies making jam and baking sponges – Merthyr Cynog WI is a million miles from that – why not come along and judge for yourself. More information and copy of programme from Annette on 01874 622892.

Upper Chapel Eisteddfod

The Eisteddfod is often referred to as the best local Eisteddfod in Wales, and this was perhaps confirmed by the entries in this year's event. In the Open Champion Solo and Welsh Solo competitions there were well over 20 entries. The National Eisteddfod the following week had many winners who were also winners in Upper Chapel and it was great to see so many familiar faces on our TV screens!

We could not run this Eisteddfod without the support of our community – so many of you are Vice Presidents and support us financially, faithful audiences and helpers on the day itself.

It now costs in the region of £3,500 - £4,000 which is an enormous amount for a tiny committee and scattered rural community to find.

If anyone would like to help in any way we would be very glad to hear from you – our Chairman is Adrian Morgan on 690307, Glenys Davies is Secretary on 690218 and Annette Thomas Treasurer on 622892.

Even setting up staging and moving pianos is a vital part of the day, but takes time and effort.

One thing we would like to improve is the number of children entries. Again, perhaps if you would like your children to have a go, we would love to hear from you and offer help in any way.

Once again – Thank you Merthyr Cynog and area Community for making this Eisteddfod so special.

Well done **Jonathan Davies**, drummer of repute in this Parish – a worthy winner of **Brecknock's got Talent** in the Gremlin during the Jazz Festival – by miles!!