

There is much Internet "stuff" here, and if you find it bamboozling, ring me (690435) and I'll help you get sorted. Just ask Brian Cuddy about my **vast** knowledge and **reserves** of patience!

Merthyr Cynog Community Newsletter November 2015

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Merthyr Cynog Community Website

www.merthycynog.org

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****AND****, there is also a **dedicated** FaceBook **page** for this **Community** which *can be found* at :- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206437002783367> though it is **better** just to do a **search**!!
On your FaceBook "HOME" page – enter 'Merthyr Cynog' in the search box at the top. Before you've even finished that tiny bit, "**Merthyr Cynog Community**" appears at the top of the list! SSSo SSSSimple!

A Heartfelt *Plea* to You *All*

The Internet, World Wide Web, Social Media, FaceBook and so on and on - no, don't fall asleep (yet) as this *could* be an **important** part of *further development* for our community!

I have only **lived locally** since 2009 and feel **very** strongly that while I've joined a *vibrant*, **supportive**, and *active* community, it *could* be made to be **even** more effective in **every** way by **embracing** the **technology** that the **vast** majority of us **have**, and **use** on a daily basis. So-called **Silver Surfers** are the *fastest* growing segment **using** the Internet, and *so many of us* order **online** from the likes of Amazon, or Tesco, or Waitrose routinely.

It would be so **much** more **efficient** to *distribute* this Newsletter via **email**, or the Merthyr Cynog **website**, or the **Facebook page** – but to do that we **need** to **know** *your* own **email addresses**. If *everyone* was to *register* not only would **information** be spread **immediately** and **economically**, but each of us *would also be able to supply our opinions* about matters that affect our community, and **take part** in **discussions** about the important things in our local lives. It's a bit like having a good old gossip with your buddies!!

I have a **suggestion**! Either:- 1. Seek out the **Facebook page** and and join up, or:- 2. Email either Josie on merthycynogcc@yahoo.co.uk, or myself, George Cooper on hatband@me.com and we *will do the rest*. (As a point of interest, as my **contribution** to the locality, I took on the writing, provide the paper, and do the printing of this letter at home – no grumbles at all, but it would be '**better**' done **electronically** - and help me run my little white car!!!!)

Upper Chapel Eisteddfod: The committee were **delighted** with the event this year, feeling that it was probably the **best** in many years. There was a **very high** standard of **competition** *all day* and it *culminated* in a fantastic **Open Champion Solo**. There were competitors from *all over Wales* taking part, **many** of whom made the **comment** that ours is the **best of its kind anywhere in Wales**. This has to be the **greatest of compliments** as it comes from those taking an **active** part in the **competition**.

The Committee would also *like to pay tribute* to the **very special support** of the local **community** without which such an **ambitious** and **large** event would not be financially possible. And we trust that those who came along **thoroughly** enjoyed their day.

Finally we offer our **sincere thanks** to those who **helped** *in any way at all*.

Merthyr Cynog & District Women's Institute

There are **several** good items to enjoy this **Autumn**, meeting at 7.15 on the **first Tuesday of the month** in the Community Hall in Upper Chapel. You can come along several times (preferably on different months!) without 'joining' – as a taster. You will be made most welcome indeed by the regulars, and we hope that YOU will become a regular too.

November's meeting was (!!) our AGM and was (!!) followed by a "Sheep Drive" – a 'beetle drive' with wool and so much less scary. (Ed's note – we trust it **was** terrific FUN!! As this newsletter has been beset by delay after delay we seem to have missed it. Baaaaa!)

Our **Christmas** meeting presents a chance to enjoy a meal together, and is followed this year by a Christmas entertainment.

Please either turn up – and be assured of a very warm welcome – or call Annette on 01874 622892 for more information about our activities.

SOS – don't let this be->

Slipping through your fingers

November 13th – which is FRIDAY – is going to be a "**Mamma Mia**" night in the Hall (hopefully without Pierce Brosnan singing!!).

It is in aid of the Church funds "**Money Money Money**" and will be great fun for all.

(Ed: Now – if Amanda Seyfried were to be there... ..!)

Don't know what time yet so – "**Take a Chance on Me**"

Then "**Gimme, Gimme, Gimme**" a ticket.

Wanna go? "**I do I do I do I do**

I do I do I do

I, er, do"

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Ebenezer Chapel Carols – 2.30 pm on Sunday 20th Dec.

This service, on **Sunday 20th December**, is held in the **Community Hall** and is, effectively, the **Community Carol Service**.

It is open to all who enjoy carols.

Children are especially welcome, and usually come along in droves thus making this an exceptionally enjoyable event for all.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

MON 14th Dec 1pm Hall.
Council funded; ring Lynda Probert 01874 625133 to book your platefuls. All OAP aged are invited and can bring a partner too.
This is a free fun festive feast of frivolity for folks local. Outside? It'll be a tenner! Bargain.

The Evergreens They've had their outing this year – a lovely tea Oakchurch and they continue to at meet on the *last Tuesday* of the month, **between 2 and 4** pm when there are quizzes, card games, and lots and lots of happy chat.
YOU would qualify – IF you are **retired** (not 'tired')!!



NEW YEAR'S EVE.



It'll be here before you know it and then it'll be gone and you'll have completely forgotten all about it.
There is only ONE SINGLE solution to this annual dilemma, and believe me it is the bestest solution ever drunk, sorry, devised.

**THE ONE AND ONLY KNEES-UP, YEE-HAA, WOO-HOO
MERTHYR CYNOG NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY SHINDIG HOOT'NANNY
Being held on – er – HOGMANAY (I'm a Scot, y'see!!).**

It **starts** at **half seven** – far too early but gives **loads of time** to, *loads of time* to, yes, **loads of time** to **TALK** a lot. And Cynogites certainly can produce the hot air when all together in the **COMMUNITY HALL**. (did you see what I managed there? To get the **VENUE** in front of you?)

OH – YES, and it **finishes** about 11 pm! THAT'S A **JOKE**, readers, - of course it doesn't. it goes on until **five past twelve!!** – or **one**, or **three** depending upon your stamina, and if you do proper **SCOTTISH drinking**, sorry, **DANCING**.

OH – and did I **tell** you that there's a **LIVE BAND** playing. No? Well – there's a **LIVE BAND** playing. They might play **all night**. They might play for **two hours**. They might **start** at **half past seven**. **THAT** is why you **MUST** get there **ON TIME**.

What AM I **waffling** on about, I hear myself asking?
Are your sitting **comfortably**? Then I'll **begin**.

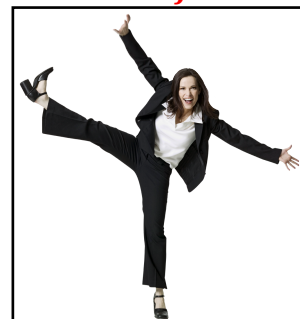
This **Hogmanay**, the 32st December 2015 **Merthyr Cynog Community Hall** is the venue for **our** very *own* **PARTY** starting at **half seven**. There will be a **bar** (poor Gomer) and you'll all be in **FANCY DRESS** (I actually DON'T fancy a dress, but a **kilt** maybe). There's **grub**, but bring the **Xmas leftovers** for someone else, and **FINALLY** – there's a **VERY SPECIAL LIVE BAND** playing. And they are **terrific**, great **fun**, good **musicians**, good **tunes**, good to **dance** to, good to **fall asleep to too**, and good to **eat and drink to**.

WHAT'S not to enjoy? **Everyone** is **welcome**, **but kids and anyone over 50 are not allowed to drink (a lot)**. And THAT's a joke too.

FOR correct info or more info, for goodness' sake call Jackie (pictured below in her fancy dress outfit) by ringing 690342 unless she has emigrated, or call Gaynor (pictured below, in an identical outfit to Jackie) on 690322



Don't know why this hot dog has worms



Nativity Carol Singing and Party - Pwllgloyw Arms
4pm Sunday 20th December

H.R.C.A. – Sunday 20th at 4pm Nativity Carol Singing (with mince pies) in the Square prior to the *Christmas Party* in **Pwllgloyw Arms**, with sausage and chips games, a Disco and a special visit from a special man in a special red outfit complete with white beard. Ho ho ho!! Tickets are available from the Pub, Lel Lewis, Niki Williams, Lesley Price and Sarah Protheroe for only three pounds and if singing is GOOD, prezzies might be available, so get those voices working.

This Newsletter is collated, devised, cobbled together, corrected, scrapped, re-started, tweaked, and printed full of errors and inaccuracies (probably) for your edification and perhaps to produce a loud smile, by Josie Herdman and George Cooper.

There – we have admitted it. Should you feel you need to contact us either with grateful bottles, or perhaps with brickbats, please do – but especially with your email addresses.

The Repetition Spot – where things of importance get repeated

BOGUS PHONE CALLS -There have been reports once again of bogus calls. Some have been requesting money for adverts and others claiming they can reclaim or reduce Business Rates, and yet more from false electricity suppliers. Do be careful – and don't ever divulge your bank details or credit card information or pay anything if you have any doubts at all. Better to be assertive, difficult even, and refuse – or hang up. A genuine caller will appreciate things and be happy to provide proof of identity. If you need to report anything, call 101 and do so. Better safe than sorry. (I speak as one who had his email address hijacked after clicking an odd looking email. What a job that was.) I have also invested in a device called **CPR Callblocker** which is a tiny box that fits between your main incoming socket and your phone. It has stopped ALL my nuisance calls, and if any others get through you can press three buttons to store that number which will never get through again. It cost around 30 pounds, and to me has been invaluable. Email me for more info on hatband@me.com.

Merthyr Cynog Community Council

This body represents **ALL** members of the Community and will deal with **ANY** queries or concerns that you may have.

There is **extensive** information about the *Council*, its *workings* and its *composition* on the **Community Website** – www.merthycynog.org.

Should you have any specific enquiries:-

contact the Community Council Clerk, Josie Herdman in the first instance
by snail mail to Ty Mawr, Upper Chapel, LD3 9RG,
by superfast email to merthycynogCC@yahoo.co.uk
or by phone on 01874 690277.