

# Merthyr Cynog Community Christmas Newsletter



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## Dates for Your Diary

- **Curry Night at the Hall** – Bring the whole family (don't forget your naan) on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm.
- **Christmas Festival of Light** –St. Cynog's Church, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 6pm.
- **WI Christmas Meeting** – Guest speaker Mike Chappell will be talking about the islands of Australia and Wales, on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.15.
- **Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch** – All pensionable members of the community and their partners are invited to a three course meal with drinks and entertainment at the hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1pm, kindly sponsored by the Community Council. Book your place ASAP with Lynne (690 269) or Lynda (625 133).
- **Ladies Group Christmas Party** – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the hall.
- **Poultry Whistdrive** – Why not have a go at winning your Christmas dinner at our special seasonal whistdrive? Only £2 entry, with raffle prizes! Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm.
- **YFC Carol Singing** – Warm up your voices and your mince pies for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Ebenezer Chapel Carol Service** – Really get into the festive spirit with a short service of carols and readings, followed by a visit from special guest, Santa Claus, on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 3pm. Any child aged 10 or under will receive a gift from Santa. To make sure he knows to bring enough toys from the North Pole, please let Annette know (622 892) names and ages in advance.

## Club News

### Merthyr Cynog Womens' Institute

The WI meets on the first Tuesday of every month at around 7.15pm in the Hall, followed by lovely refreshments. They have a wide range of guest speakers, demonstrations trips out etc. and would love to welcome new members. You can even try several 'taster' sessions before actually joining.

### The Evergreens

There is no meeting this December, as it is Christmas Day. However, on every other last Tuesday of the month from 2-4pm, pensioners in our community can get together and play cards, have quizzes or enjoy 'high tea'. There is no charge for the club and all expenses are met by a raffle. Please contact Annette (622 892), Lynda (625 133) or Lynne (690 260) if you want to know more.

### Badminton Club

Badminton sessions run on a Friday night from 7-9 pm, for £2 per adult and £1 per child. Anyone is welcome to these friendly and fun sessions for people of all abilities.

## **Pontfaen Young Farmers' Club**

Pontfaen YFC has had a busy few months practising their singing, dancing, reciting and writing. It was all worth the effort as they won the county Eisteddfod.

Vicky Healey will embark on a Chairman's Challenge in January, with an activity to push her limits every month. Her feats will include five 10k runs, climbing Snowdon, Cadair Idris and Pen y Fan, Cardiff Half Marathon and swimming 10k! Best of luck to Vicky and all of the members and club leaders who will be joining her along the way.

## **Whistdrives**

Whistdrives are held in Upper Chapel fortnightly at 7.30pm to raise money for the hall. You can play for £2 with sandwiches and cakes included.

## **Hall News**

Everyone is welcome to our curry night, which will be followed by mystery entertainment. For anyone who doesn't enjoy curry, there is also the option of cottage pie. Mango chutney will be provided, but please bring your own naan breads and poppadoms. Pricing is £8 for adults and £5 for children. Please book with the hall if you wish to attend.

## **Yscir County Councillor**

Iain McIntosh is very pleased to see the Yscir Internet Project rolling out. A mast has been built near Aberyscir and will soon be transmitting Internet signal to the area. If you would also like to have superfast broadband, get in touch with Iain.

Elsewhere, Iain has criticised the council for their lack of effort to fix potholes in the area, and will continue to put pressure on them to repair more. After the severe weather last winter, he has asked the council to add more farmers to the list of approved contractors to clear snow. Locals could be contacted soon to become part of the task force.

## **Community Council**

The Community Council have marked 100 years since the end of the First World War by putting up poppies in the villages of Pontfaen, Merthyr Cynog and Upper Chapel and have sent a donation to the Royal British Legion.

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If you have news or an event that you would like to feature in the next newsletter, please contact Kayleigh on [joneskayleigh00@gmail.com](mailto:joneskayleigh00@gmail.com), phone 690 189 or get in touch with the Community Council on [merthycynogcc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:merthycynogcc@yahoo.co.uk).

Keep regularly updated with news throughout the year on our website at [www.merthycynogcommunity.org](http://www.merthycynogcommunity.org) or follow our Facebook page, 'Merthyr Cynog Community'.

**Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**