

## St David's Church

This is back to regular services on a Sunday but at new times! Everyone is welcome to join us to say a prayer of thanks and sing a hymn or two, but we need you to wear a mask while in church unless you are exempt. Times of service are as follows:

Sunday 13 Feb	9.15 am	Cymun Bendigaid
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20 Feb	11.00 am	Eucharist
Sunday 27 Feb	9.15 am	Eucharist
Sunday 6 March	11.00 am	Eucharist
And so on . . . .		

See the notice board outside the Church for further reference, or phone Sally Freedman on 895580.

The **LLEWELYN HALL** is back in use with most of the groups running. Please check with your particular group to determine their plans. Bookings can be made by contacting Sally Freedman on the above number.

## Scouts – Yipee – we're Expanding.

Scout numbers are growing. That's the good news.

The bad news is that there is a desperate need for more volunteers to help run our activities so that youngsters can gain all sorts of new skills which will help them in the future. If anyone is interested in giving a hand on a Thursday evening please contact Rebecca Thomas on: 07454 145 116.

No previous experience with Scouts necessary.

## Knitters Group

This has been running for over 40 years and currently has eight knitting enthusiasts who've recently produced hats, scarves and gloves for the Seaman's Mission, gifts that were much appreciated. The Knitters meet every Tuesday in the Llewelyn Hall from 10.30 am - 12.00 noon. For more information contact Lillian Walker on 898734.

## Walk to Well Being

A group walk takes place every Monday morning at 9.45 am in Penllergare Valley Woods. The walk is led by John Davies who also runs the Eagles Nest Men's Shed. The group meet in the main car park and set off walking promptly at 10.00 am. The group is open to all.

John can be contacted for further information on 07403 152 963 or via email at eaglesnestblaenymaes@gmail.com

## Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin Welsh Playgroup in the Llewelyn Hall

The welcome news is that this resumed in early February with lots of new mothers and babies coming along. With all sorts of play opportunities organised by Mary Lewis for toddlers to absorb themselves in, mums (and sometimes grans) get the chance to enjoy a chat to each other in Welsh.

Parents – please note that the times of the sessions have changed slightly. On a Wednesday it's from 1.00 pm until 2.45 pm and on Thursdays from 9.30 am until 11.00 am.

After the half term holiday, St David's Day celebrations are being planned and on Thursday 3rd March photos of children in their Welsh costumes are going to be taken by 'Jae'. A real occasion that can create a lasting memory!

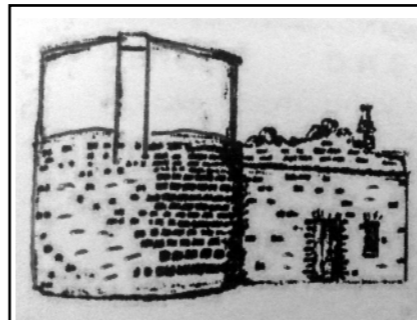
For more information contact Mary on 898652.

## Yet another TV celebrity from Penllergaer



Dr Shehzad Latif of Brynrhos Crescent was one of the Welsh contestants on Channel 5's Watercolour Challenge. He made five consecutive appearances from Monday 31 January with a different scene being painted each day. Congratulations for being selected for the series.

The photo above shows him wearing his 'lucky painting hat'.



## PENLLERGAER Community Council's NEWSLETTER

### Chairman's Message

Once again, I'm writing when Covid is still on our minds. Its impact over the last few months has meant that not all our clubs and associations have yet resumed their meetings and some of those that had, took a break in January when infection rates soared again. With an improving Covid outlook, Spring may well see much more social activity and interaction across Penllergaer which will be a welcome step towards normality.

It's pleasing that the sports field has been in use throughout the season although the shower rooms in the pavilion have remained closed to avoid any risk of infection. Whilst the Village Hall has also stayed open for the Busy Bees Nursery, little else has taken place there over the winter period.

Meanwhile, the Community Council continues to hold its monthly meetings on Zoom so that all its formal business is being conducted as usual. Regrettably, we have had to say goodbye to former Community Councillors Matthew Porch and Nigel Bolt who have both resigned due to work and family commitments. Our thanks for all the contributions they have made.

This means there are now two vacancies on the Community Council and anyone interested in becoming a Community Councillor should contact the Clerk. Any applicant willing to contribute to some of the groundsman's duties on the sport field would be particularly welcome.

My very best wishes to you all

**Wyn Morgan, Chairman**

### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Plans are afoot to celebrate this historic event on Saturday 4 June. Look out for further information which will be on the Penllergaer Facebook page and the Community Council website in the next few weeks. This should be another community event to remember.

## Village Hall Activities

This is open for business again although, with the Busy Bees Nursery there by day, careful cleaning routines still have to be followed.

### Yoga

This continues on a Monday evening with several regular participants who are all pleased to be able to relax and exercise together once again. If anyone is interested in joining then contact Jayne on: 07769 883 223.

### Cubs!

Yes, Penllergaer Cubs are now using the Village Hall on a Thursday evening as numbers have risen so much that the Llewelyn Hall is too small to accommodate everyone. The Cubs had tried using a hall in Fforestfach but then asked if the Village Hall was available – and it was!. Lovely for them as it's warm and welcoming and just the place for active children.

There are other groups planning to return to the Hall when they feel it's safe to do so.

The Boiler Room is also available for small groups and the committee of the Llan Walkers made use of it recently to plan their programme of walks over the next few months. It's also where Crafters and Icers met for many years until increasing numbers meant they outgrew it!

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Also see  
Penllergaer Facebook page

This edition of the Community Council newsletter has been written and compiled by Wendy Fitzgerald.

## Christmas Tree and Lights

A bit late now to mention Christmas, I know, but this year we had more lights than usual thanks to the efforts of Community Councillors Rebecca Thomas and Sian Tucker who, with the help of their families, managed to spread some Christmas cheer along the edge of Gors Common by wrapping lights around several of the tree trunks. Wayne Evans, as always, came with his JCB to help us lift and secure the Christmas tree into the half ton concrete base he made for us some years ago and even the dreadful gales we had saw it lean only very slightly. The consensus was that Penllergaer looked more festive than usual and that was really positive as life was still far from normal. But when the lights had to be taken down, unravelling them from around the tree trunks was not the easiest of tasks especially with fingers frozen on a bitterly cold day!

## Penllergaer Facebook Page

This is run by the Community Council and managed by Rebecca Thomas.

What is important – **you do not have to be on Facebook** yourself to be able to access this site. If you just Google: *Penllergaer Facebook Page* you can easily access all the information on it. It will keep you informed of all sorts of things happening within the community and is updated on a regular basis. You can add a comment and you do not have to be on Facebook yourself to be able to do this.

Because it is a managed site there is no abuse or anything on it that could cause distress to individuals.

Please note too that Parc Penllergaer has its own Facebook page run by Community Councillor Alan Tomlinson as does Parc Penderi, with Community Councillor Sian Tucker in charge. All three pages enable information to be circulated quickly around our community and our thanks to those who are doing such a brilliant job in running these great assets.

## Llys Nini

Big changes are on the cards here with the construction of a new visitor facility. This will contain a café space and shop plus a training room, activity area and an upcycling workshop. Exciting times ahead!

## Police Community Support Officers

PCSO Lisa Joseph: 07870915661  
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## Penllergare Trust

### Walled Garden

The final discharge of some planning conditions has to be agreed before major work can get underway although volunteers have been busy exposing the foundations and walls of the former Vinery which is to be replicated. What a vast and impressive building it must once have been! There is an air of excitement too about the prospect of having a major gardening project to tackle although it's a daunting challenge as well. Whilst we have to ensure that the Walled Garden offers 21st Century visitors a worthwhile and positive experience, its history must be respected and due homage paid to those that had the vision to create it.

### Visitor Centre and Coffee Shop

The designs for the new Visitor Centre and Coffee shop are having to be reviewed because building costs have escalated so much. Whilst disappointing and time consuming, it looks as though alternative proposals will still be able to provide us with equally attractive and much needed facilities.

### Orchard and Bees

This has made enormous progress and so much has been achieved with the work of volunteers led by Tom John. The next big step will be the arrival of some bees.

### Campaign

The Penllergare Trust is currently running a fundraising campaign for planting trees in the Woods called Planting the Future. There is a website page dedicated to it for anyone interested. It's at:

[www.penllergare.org/joinus/planting-the-future/](http://www.penllergare.org/joinus/planting-the-future/)

## Penllergaer Gardening Club

There is hope that at some point soon the Gardening Club may be able to resume its monthly meetings. The Committee is gathering shortly to discuss how this can be managed, given the large membership of the Club.

It was always such an important social contributor to life in Penllergaer with all kinds of events on offer in addition to the monthly meetings so its inactivity had created a big void in many lives. But this has been the cost of Covid and perhaps not such a terrible one when compared to the far worse consequences some have had to deal with.

If anyone wants information about the Gardening Club contact Angela Hawken, Secretary, on 891495.

## Penllergaer Men's Society

Meetings are resuming after a two year Covid break.

The Society held a Christmas Dinner at The Old Inn on Monday 13th December. The event was well attended with 24 gentlemen present and only 3 apologies. We enjoyed a three course Festive Menu with plenty of merriment and catch-up gossip and exchanges of current ailments.

The Club will recommence normal monthly meetings with the AGM on 21st February in the Llewelyn Hall. A full year of talks has been arranged for 2022 with outings still under evaluation due to Covid restrictions. New members are most welcome to join us on the 3rd Monday of the month.

For more information contact Paul Richards 07857 825395

## LADIES GUILD

Penllergaer Ladies Guild members have been meeting, 'face to face' (if being masked can be classed as face to face) in the Llewelyn Hall since September 2021. We resumed on the 4th Tuesday of each month as usual, but decided to switch to afternoon not evening meetings. Sadly, this change of timing has meant a few of our former members cannot now attend, but overall, we have seen an increase in both membership and attendance. We continue to keep in touch via a monthly bulletin as well as our meetings.

During the Autumn we had talks about the Bridgend Train Crash, the life and work of steel magnate, entrepreneur and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie and enjoyed a bring and share Christmas lunch and quiz.

The Omicron variant of Covid meant we cancelled our members meeting in January but look forward to being happily entertained in February and beyond.

Linda Woollacott Hon Secretary  
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## Action For Elders in the Llewelyn Hall

This charity for older people has begun a series of popular exercise and well-being sessions on Fridays at the Llewelyn Hall, as part of a 'Getting Back Out There' campaign. After the huge success of the charity's walks and live events around the Swansea area last year, their *Balanced Lives* exercise and well-being sessions are now expanding in the Welsh community, thanks to the Welsh Government's Social Care Winter Pressures fund.

At *Balanced Lives* programmes, you can increase your fitness levels, talk about any issues you have, both physically and mentally, while enjoying the company of others. All of this takes place in a safe and friendly environment with highly-qualified Action For Elders *Balanced Lives* teacher, Mike Hart. The sessions take place every Friday at the Llewelyn Hall, from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Contact: 030 330 30132.

## Craft Fayre at the Old Inn

Saturday 19 February

11.00 am to 3.00 pm

## Penllergaer Crafters

Classes resumed last September and the autumn term concluded with a Christmas lunch in the Old Inn which was the first time in two years we had gathered indoors for a meal, so quite an occasion. Then, with the Omicron variant so virulent, the decision was taken to cancel all the planned January meetings. A Zoom session was held instead and that gave some members the chance to chat with each other on line. The first session of 2022 therefore took place on Wednesday 2nd February when heads were put together to come up with a programme of creativity. So far, we can look forward to Pauline helping us make a patchwork bunting, Margaret is going to show us how to construct a hanging sheep and Georgina some Easter cards, with a mystery session being planned by Gillian and Lorna. Ideas are also being tossed about for our alternate Tuesday sessions which, until now, have been 'Knit and Natter' gatherings. The proposal is that we should offer some crafting sessions on these days too and already Lynda is lining up to help us each make a rather ambitious bead necklace. One thing is certain, although we all have varied talents and different creative skills, everyone is able to come along to Crafters and be assured of having lots of laughs and plenty of chat in the company of really good friends.

For anyone interested in joining Crafters, meetings are held in the Pavilion on the Sports Field and alternate between a Wednesday and a Tuesday. For further information contact Wendy on 895330.