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**We currently have two
Vacancies for anyone wishing
to serve on the Community
Council. Interest welcomed.**

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Christmas 2018 edition of Penllergaer Community Council's Newsletter. Once again, it's always good to be able to reach out to you all through this Newsletter and reflect on events which have already taken place, but also keep you updated on events currently being held, giving opportunity to those of you who wish to become more involved within our village.

I'm sure you don't need to be reminded Christmas is only a few weeks away. As a rule, it can be a busy and stressful time for most of us in deciding which presents to buy, also who to buy for, in addition to being busy attending the events taking place in our schools, also concerts and services due to be held in our chapels and churches.

As a community, we always need to be aware of the many vulnerable residents within our village who may be in need of a daily 'hello' to make sure they are safe and warm as the Winter approaches. It's always reassuring to know your friendly neighbour is there for you. In the past, many of us would look out and check if our neighbour had taken their milk in. This would be an indicator showing if they were about or not, but in these changing times with most of our milk being bought from the supermarket, that no longer applies. So, if in doubt - be that friendly neighbour and check your neighbour is about.

Monday 3rd December, we will be welcoming Father Christmas to our village. We look forward to your usual, much appreciated support and hope the evening will be mild and dry. His route can be found on the back page of this issue.

You will notice from this, Father Christmas will finish his route at Penllergaer Sports and Social Club enabling him to meet and greet the children. It is always a pleasure to see the little ones' faces when greeted by this very special person. On behalf of myself, together with my fellow Community Councillors, I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the committee and members of **Penllergaer Sports and Social Club** for their continued, valuable contribution in making Father Christmas' visit to our village, a huge success. **Merry Christmas / Nadolig Llawen, Christine Pugh**

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



As I write, many of us will be recalling the services of remembrance, which have recently been held throughout the country, paying respect and tribute to those who lost their lives so that our lives could be saved for us to live in the way

we live and enjoy today. I feel it is fair to say, this year's services of remembrance reached out to many more people, as 2018 commemorated the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War I. The services also paid tribute to all members of the armed forces who have been involved in conflict in the years following the end of the first World War in 1918. As in previous years, there was full support for the annual service of remembrance held at St David's Church on Sunday 11th November. The service was conducted by Lay Reader, Mrs Jean Phillips and was well supported by local residents also by members of the 'Scout' movement which included Explorers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers together with their leaders. Thanks goes out to all who took part including Mrs Marlene Colwill, Siw Phillips also Organist Pat Glasson together with the 'Knitting Circle' for their beautiful work in creating the cascades of Poppies which elegantly draped from the Pulpit. DIOLCH.

St David's Church I wish to thank the parents and guardians of children from the Scouting movement for giving permission for these photographs taken on the 11th of November, to be published in this Newsletter. Also, to all Leaders, Explorers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers for their valuable contribution to the service.



As always, a warm welcome awaits you to join the regular congregation each Sunday for services as follows :-

8.00a.m. Holy Eucharist (said) - a traditional, reflective early morning Communion service.

10.30a.m. Family Sung Eucharist - our main family morning service followed by refreshments.

9.15a.m. Cymun Bendigaid - a traditional Welsh language service held on the first Sunday of the month.

Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm - Candlelit midnight Service conducted by visiting Vicar Canon Joe Griffin.

In addition to the above church services, there is much happening in the Llewelyn Hall throughout each week. These include, Mothers' Union, G.F.S., Gardening Club, knitting Circle, Over 60's, Welsh Parent and Toddler group with Thursday evenings being extremely busy with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

During the lead up to Christmas, there will be additional services you may be interested in attending.

Sunday 16th Dec. 10.30 am - Morning prayers for Advent with Blessing of the Crib.

Tuesday 18th Dec. 2.00 pm - Carols for Christmas in the Llewelyn Hall with Penllergaer School Choir.

Why not go along and enjoy 'Carols', a 'Bring and Buy stall' also a range of 'Raffle Prizes'.

Sunday 23rd Dec. 8.00 am - Holy Eucharist in addition to **10.30 am** - Sung Eucharist.

Monday 24th Dec. 11.30 pm - Holy Eucharist for Christmas.

Sunday 30th Dec. There will be no church service.

For further information contact Wardens Jean Phillips on 894620 or Sally Freedman on 895580.

WAR MEMORIAL

The Community Council are pleased to have made a contribution towards the restoration of the War Memorial together with its surroundings, situated within the grounds of St David's Church.

Interested in becoming a Community Councillor? We currently have two vacancies and welcome any interest. Our monthly meetings are held in the 'Boiler Room' of the Village Hall on Pontardulais Road at 7pm each second Tuesday of the month, with the first 15 minutes being open to anyone wishing to bring ideas/issues to the Council.



Penllergaer Men's Society Meetings are held each third Monday of the month at 7.30 pm. in the Llewelyn Hall followed by refreshments in the 'Old Inn'. They welcome speakers who share their knowledge and a experience on a wide range of subjects. The next meeting for this popular club will be held on the 17th December when members will enjoy their annual Christmas Dinner at 'The Buck Inn' Pontlliw. **Interested in joining? Contact Mr Peter Bowen on 01792 205914.**

Ladies Guild This group of ladies meet in the Llewelyn Hall on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. The speaker for the evening is usually kept a closely guarded secret until the night, which adds to the members' suspense. December 4th will see this group enjoy their Christmas Dinner celebrations at 'The Kingsbridge Inn'. **Interested in joining? Contact Wendy on 01792 895330.**

Village Hall (Hatha) Yoga classes Monday evenings at 6.45pm until 8 pm.

Karate Tuesdays, Aged 4 to 6 yrs - 6 until 6.30pm, / Aged 7 to 10yrs - 6.30 to 7.30pm and Adults 7.30 to 8.30 pm.

Raiki classes are held each third Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 8.30 pm.

(DRU) Yoga Classes held each Thursday at 7pm until 8.30pm .

Further class information also Birthday party bookings, please ring Louise John on 07842 083907.

Community of Christ

144 Gorseinon Road, Penllergaer

Further information regarding services can be obtained from Pastor Ken Turner on 01792 414920

Plymouth Brethren Christian Church

Phoenix Way, Penllergaer

For information regarding services please contact Mr Bernard Brown 07848 452725.

Sports Field / Pavilion

As a community, we are very fortunate to have these excellent facilities available to us. We are currently in the football season which runs until next May.

Let's hope the weather is kind during the coming months in order for planned activities to take place. Enquiries for Football to Simon Booth by emailing penllergaerafc@hotmail.com for Cricket Ian Hoyles on 01792 899983 and for general enquiries/bookings Tom John on 892519 or email ena.john@hotmail.co.uk

Over 60's This active group meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 2pm in the Llewelyn Hall.

Why not join them by ringing Anna Armishaw on 01792 897299. New members always welcomed.

Llŵchwr Probus Club

Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the 'Old Inn'. Meetings commence with lunch followed by a presentation from a guest speaker.

New members welcomed. Ring Secretary Mr Tony Davies on 01792 429543 if you're interested in joining.

Busy Bees Day Nursery

Open for business Monday to Friday in the Village Hall. The Nursery provides care for children aged 0 to 5 years in a safe, caring and learning environment. Need the services of a Day Nursery? ring **Jayne or Christine on 895669.**

Penllergaer Primary School

The end of another term is nearing for this very busy school led by Headteacher Mrs Jayne Woolcock together with her dedicated team of staff. The Christmas term is always a busy one but also a most enjoyable time for all children and staff as they prepare for their Christmas concerts etc. We wish staff and pupils a very happy Christmas and a well deserved Christmas break.

School's website: penllergaer.swansea.sch.uk

PENLLERGARE VALLEY WOODS

A message to anyone reading this newsletter who hasn't already visited this place of natural beauty is..... you need to add a visit to your 'To Do' list.

All credit is given to the Management and many volunteers who give of their time and energy in their continued effort in restoring this wonderful place of natural beauty.

Earlier on in the year, they held their annual 'Potting Shed Sale' which is always a great event to visit, irrespective of the weather. As they say, 'The show always goes on be it rain, hail or shine' and is always a great success.

The photographs below give a little insight into this annual event.



Above shows the advert to look out for during Springtime also volunteers Ray Butt and Jennie Ayres seen here busy selling plants on the day. Also, two jolly volunteers who greeted visitors attending this annual event together with Tom John seen here tending to the many young fruit cuttings, which will in time, become a splendid Orchard as part of 'Penllergare Valley Woods'. New volunteers are always needed and most welcomed.



As a reminder, the very popular 'Coffee Shop' is open throughout the year for all visitors to enjoy, and in turn, generate much needed funding for this wonderful attraction we have on our doorstep.

Morrison RFC Male Voice Choir

Carol Concert

Saturday 8th December at 7pm a Carol Concert will be held at

St David's Church, Penllergaer in aid of

Penllergare Valley Woods

Tickets for this popular concert are £9 and are available from the 'Coffee Shop' on 01792 344224

Mudiad Meithrin / Welsh language Playgroup

The 'Ti a Fi' / 'You and Me' Parent and Toddler playgroup is run by Mrs Mary Lewis and is held in the Llewelyn Hall each Wednesday afternoon from 12.45 until 2.40 pm and on Thursday mornings from 9.15 am until 11.10 am. As always, Mary ensures the children have a wonderful time preparing for Christmas and I'm sure this year will be just as exciting. This playgroup recently held a Coffee Morning and have also arranged a shopping trip to Cheltenham. Christmas parties are being held on the 11th and 12th of December. Sion Corn/Santa will be in attendance on the 12th to meet the children on the day. For further information contact Mary on 01792 898652.

PENLLERGAER SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Christmas Market And Funday



Fair rides
Craft stalls
Local choirs
Tombola
Raffle
Mascot
Hot food on sale
Santa workshop
and lots more fun and games

Penllergaer Sports And Social Club

8th December 11 till 5
All welcome
Free Entry



In aid of ASG kick boxing

Christmas Party Meet Santa And The Princess of North Pole

Penllergaer sports and social club
8th December 6 - 9 PM




Adults £1
Children £1
Each child will receive a selection box
Tickets on sale at the club



In aid of ASG kick boxing

Penllergaer Sports And Social club
21st December
Come and have tea and party with Santa



£8 per child Ticket only

All welcome

INCLUDES
2 course meal present each
3 hours eating and
Partying with santa and activities



In Aid Of ASG Kickboxing

For further information ring 01792 894506

SANTA COMES TO PENLLERGAER MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2018



We will again be welcoming this special person to our village on Monday 3rd December. As in previous years, he will commence his journey at 5.45 p.m. from

Home Farm Way, Parc Penllergaer

Spruce Way

Elm Crescent

Spruce Way

Home Farm Way

A483 to junction 47 of M4

A48 into Penllergaer Village

Swansea Road

Clos Ty Mawr

Druidstone Way

Swansea Road

Pontardulais Road

Parc Penderri

right at junction with

Lower Ffordd y Meillion

Right into Holly Oak Road

Left into Parc Penderri

Pontardulais Road

Gorseinon Road

Dillwyn Road

Mount Crescent

Heol Dewi Sant

Llewellyn Road

Heol y Gelli

Santa will finish his journey at Penllergaer Sports and Social Club

where the children will be able to meet Santa and enjoy the sweets he has brought for them together with Mince Pies for all to enjoy.

The club will be open from 6pm for families to keep warm in readiness for Santa's arrival at approximately 7.00pm. Grateful thanks to the club for once again, welcoming Father Christmas.

Penllergaer Crafters Craft classes are held fortnightly on Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Boiler Room, which is part of the Village Hall on Pontardulais Road.

Penllergaer Icers

As with **Crafters**, this group also meet up fortnightly at 10am but on Tuesday mornings.

To enable members to attend both classes, they are held on alternative weeks i.e Crafters one Wednesday and Icers the following Tuesday.

These classes have been hugely successful in bringing ladies together from our village as well as from surrounding villages, to learn differing crafts also giving opportunity to make new friends.

Over the years, these two busy groups have come together and held many events in aid of charity. Their most recent event 'Ploughmans and Puddings' raised £700 in aid of research into 'Prostate Cancer'. Thanks out to all those who supported this very successful charity event.

A warm welcome awaits new members to join these two busy groups, who will soon be leaving for Bath to enjoy a visit to the annual Christmas market and on the 12th of December, both Crafters and Icers will join to enjoy their annual Christmas Dinner to be held at 'Llywn Hall' Manor House. Ring Wendy on 895330 or just come along to class and enjoy.

PENLLERGAER GARDENING CLUB

This very popular Gardening Club currently has almost 90 members. They meet in the Llewellyn Hall on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm. Why not join this successful club for lots of talks, trips and friendships. See you there.

Village Hall Hire / Car Parking

Thinking of hiring the hall for that special occasion? Ring Louise John on 07842 083907 for availability / rates etc.
A reminder that parking in the Village Hall is available for those using the Hall only.

Mr Chris Williams is the PCSO covering Penllergaer - he can be contacted on 07825 387557

