



Chairman's Comments

Welcome to the fourth Bagillt Community newsletter, this is the second since I was elected Chairman in May 2008. I hope you will enjoy reading the content.

Following positive feedback from local residents, the Community Council has decided to continue producing a further edition with the intention on this occasion to give local organisations the opportunity of advertising their service and given the time of the year to give notice of events for the festive season. In this edition we will also welcome the new Vicar of Bagillt, the Reverend Sarah Hildreth, have articles from Ysgol Merilyn and Ysgol Glan Aber, as well as information on other local organisations and the keep Well this Winter Campaign from the National Public Health Service for Wales.

Since the last newsletter the two new seats have been erected at the War Memorial in the High Street with co-operation between the Council and the Heritage Society to complement the work done by the latter on this site. Christmas lighting is again being provided in the centre of the village with the co-operation of the owners of the premises for which the Council is extremely grateful. It had been hoped to extend the lighting scheme for 2008 into the Boot End, but this has not proved possible although it is hoped it maybe possible in the future. The Council is supporting the local County Councillor in seeking to have a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the shops in the High Street to aid public safety and also a new bus shelter on the Riverbank side of the Holywell Road. The Council has agreed to co-operate with Flintshire County Council to produce a Community Emergency Plan and will be seeking the assistance of members of the public in producing and updating the document.

I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Community Council to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Collin Williams " ..

The newsletter is distributed free - volunteers will be delivering copies to many properties in Bagillt and others will be available at the Branch Library and Post Offices at High Street and Boot Garage, Bagillt Road as well as the Council website which is at www.bagilltcc.org. The website contains information on council contacts, agenda and minutes of Council meetings and services.

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Focus on a local organisation - Bagillt Bowling Club

The bowling club which has a bowling green at Highfield Road, Bagillt are seeking new members for the 2009 season which starts at Easter. Anyone in the Bagillt area interested, whether bowlers or learners should contact the person indicated below.
Contact - John Ashton, Secretary - 01352 733542

Focus on a local organisation - Bagillt Playgroup

The Playgroup meets at Beechcroft, Highfield Road, Bagillt on Mondays to Fridays from 9.15 am to 11.15 am. The ages of children attending are from 2 ¹/₂ to 3 years. There is also a Mother and Toddlers session on Wednesdays from 1.15 pm to 2.45 pm for children up to 2 ¹/₂ years. There are still places available and all are welcome so why not pop along for a look around and an informal chat. Any donations or fund raising ideas will be gratefully received.

Contacts - Jan, Mandy and Jane - 07818 660076

Focus on a local person - Reverend Sarah Hildreth - Vicar of Bagillt

I was born and bred in Denbigh where my parents still live. I was ordained in the Church in Wales at St. Asaph Cathedral 3 years ago and since then have spent my time serving in the Parish of Hawarden. Prior to Ordination I worked at Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn, Denbigh, a school for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders. I enjoyed my time there immensely working alongside the staff and children. As well as working at school I was a Project Worker for Flintshire Social Services.

The Church at this time faces a huge challenge - modernisation and change! I wouldn't be a Christian never mind a Priest if I didn't believe that God and the Church had so much to offer all people regardless of who we are, where we live etc., but sadly God has come to be viewed as out of date and not really relevant for today. Many people still view God as one who is "the Boss" who is over us and wants to rule us. To some degree this is true but in Jesus God shows us clearly that he wants to walk with us, loving us, caring for us, guiding us, helping us. We see that so clearly during the Christmas season God comes among us and lives as one of us.

Service times are St. Peter's, Boot End Family Eucharist 9.45 am and St. Mary's Parish Church, Bagillt Sung Eucharist 11.15am

Our Christmas Services are as follows: Sunday 21st December St. Mary's Nine Lessons and Carols 6.00 pm: Wednesday 24th December St. Mary's Midnight Mass 11.30 pm: Thursday 25th December Christmas Day St. Peter's Family Eucharist 9.45 am: St. Mary's Sung Eucharist 11.15 am.

It would be lovely to see you at any one of the services mentioned above. I am very much looking forward to getting to know the people of Bagillt. My kettle is always on the boil so you are all more than welcome...just don't all knock on my door at once!

Focus on a local organisation - Ysgol Merllyn, Foel Gron, Bagillt

Working in a primary school is in many ways a unique experience. It is an opportunity to form the future of our community and beyond by providing the children of Bagillt with the skills and attitudes for life, they will so dearly need.

At Ysgol Merllyn we value the richness that participation in activities can offer and try like many schools to broaden the minds of the youngsters in our care. This year we have organised two highly successful arts projects that have included all of our children and their families working together. The first was a celebration of artwork created at home and at school and displayed at Theatr Clwyd art gallery for approximately two months. We followed this event with our own school art gallery where every child had a painting or drawing framed professionally and displayed in the school hall.

Enjoyable as these exhibitions were we continue to look to the future and will soon become immersed in our Bagillt art project. Our children will have the chance to work with staff from Merllyn and Flint High Schools to capture our village buildings in the style of Cefyn Burgess. Bagillt has some marvellous architecture and during this school year the children will be creating another exhibition of their work at Theatr Clwyd.

As Headteacher of Ysgol Merllyn I will be hoping to establish this 'Picture of Bagillt' in a local venue as well, so that local people can see their village in art as they go about their daily activities. I will publish details of this exhibition as soon as they are confirmed. Fingers crossed, we might even tempt Cefyn to join us. See you there!

Steve Lewis - Headteacher - Ysgol Merllyn, Bagillt - November 2008

Focus on a local organisation - Bagillt Ti a Fi - Mother and Baby Group

Learning through the medium of Welsh it meets on a Thursday from 9.15am to 10.45 am at the Community Centre, High Street, Bagillt apart from school holidays. All are welcome - English and Welsh speaking parents, with the first session being free.

Contact - Glair Jones - 01352 761479

National Public Health Service for Wales - Keep Well this Winter in Flintshire

A quick reference guide for people over 60 and those who care for them on who to contact for support and advice on keeping warm and well during the winter months. Health through warmth - Proper insulation and draught-proofing will make your home warmer and could reduce your bills by up to a half. There are free measures for anyone over 60. North Wales Energy Advice Centre provides advice on insulation, heating grants, getting the most from the energy you use and finding the best value gas and electricity supplier for you. Please contact the Advice Centre on 0800 954 0658 quoting KWTW, for free and impartial advice

Staying safe in your home - If you are contacted by someone offering you insulation or heating services do not enter any contract before contacting the Energy Advice Centre. Remember the law says that in most cases a trader must give you 7 days cooling off period before starting any work. If you have any concerns about a trader who has contacted you or who has carried out work at your home contact Consumer Direct Wales on 08454 04 05 06 (Welsh 08454 04 05 05).

Continuation of Keep Well this Winter article

Get financial support - It is also important to check you are receiving all the financial help you are entitled to. The local pension's service and other organisations in Flintshire can organise home visits to check your benefit entitlement to make sure you are not missing out. Please call the Local Pensions Service on 01656 762062 quoting KWTW, to arrange a visit.

Advice on eating well - Age Concern North East Wales Food Solutions project can provide you with information about lunch clubs in your area or help you have regular supplies of food delivered to your home using their Shop and Drop service. For more information contact Age Concern North East Wales on 08450 549969 quoting KWTW.

Focus on a local organisation - Ysgol Glan Aber

It is almost a year since I was appointed Head Teacher here at Ysgol Glan Aber. The fast approaching anniversary made me think back to the start of the year and reflect upon one of my first school assemblies here. During this particular service, children were asked to think of words that described our school that begin with the same letters as those that make up its name.

The children's responses gave me a good impression of our pupil's feelings towards the school and the role it plays in their lives. I thought that this article would be a good opportunity to share their observations with you.

G 'G' is for GREAT! We think our school is the greatest!
L 'L' is for LEARNING the reason we come to Ysgol Glan Aber.
A 'A' is for ADVENTURE. We have exciting lessons and activities.
N 'N' is for the NICE dinners and breakfasts we can have at school.

A 'A' is for ACHIEVEMENTS-of which there are many.
B 'B' is for BAGILLT - our home of which we are so proud.
E 'E' is for ENVIRONMENT. We are an active Eco-School.
R 'R' is for RESPECT we show others in the school and community.

We would like to thank Bagillt Community Council for their kind donation of £300. This very generous gift will be used to purchase equipment for the Christmas season. We are fortunate to have such a supportive community.

After many technical difficulties, our website will be going 'live' on the 28th November. Here you can find more information about the school and learn about the activities that take place here. Our address is www.glanaberjntshire.sch.uk. If there is sufficient demand, we would like to create a section of the website to cover community news and events. If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact the school and we will be more than willing to help by advertising your events or services.

Huw Jones-Headteacher-Ysgol Glan Aber, Bagillt - November, 2008